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Delta Chicago-Miami Airmail January 15

Delta Air Lines will inaugurate service through West Palm Beach, Fla. on its Chicago-Miami route, effective January 15. Northbound, DC-7 Flight 504 will leave Miami at 7:50 a.m. EST, arrive West Palm Beach at 8:18 and Tampa at 9:29, and terminate in Chicago at 12:46 p.m. CST.

Southbound, DC-7 Flight 505 will leave Chicago (Midway) at 2:55 p.m. CST, leave Tampa at 7:45 p.m. EST, arrive at West Palm Beach at 8:33 and terminate in Miami at 9:20.

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Delta is also offering a souvenir cachet which will be rubber-stamped on the backs of all covers for collectors who want it. To receive this souvenir cachet, they may send addressed, airmail-stamped envelopes to Delta Air Lines, Information Services, Atlanta Airport, Atlanta, Ga. Covers will be forwarded to the post office for final handling.

Frontier AM-73 Service At Lemmon January 15

Effective January 15, Frontier Airlines, Inc. will inaugurate new airmail service at Lemmon, S. D. over Route AM-73, the Post Office Department has announced. An official cachet will be furnished at that point.

Usual philatelic considerations will be extended. Collectors may send properly addressed and franked (airmail rate) covers to the Lemmon postmaster with request that they be held for and serviced on the first flight.



THE INTER-AMERICAN CONFERENCE commemorative 10c airmail stamp will be released February 1 in Washington, D. C. in tribute to the eleventh Inter-American Conference opening that day in Quito, Ecuador. The new adhesive was designed by Robert Geissmann of New York City. It will be printed in blue on the Cottrell rotary presses, 50 per pane in an edition of 60,000,000. Story, page 16.

Pony Express Envelope At St. Joseph July 19; Boys' Clubs Of America Stamp Scheduled

Postmaster General Arthur E. Summerfield has announced the scheduling of another 4c commemorative and the second stamped envelope for 1960 release. The former will mark the centennial of the Boys' Clubs of America, while the envelope will be a part of the philatelic recognition of the 100th anniversary of the founding of the Pony Express.

The two newcomers bring to a total of 23 the number of adhesives, plus two stamped envelopes, already scheduled for the coming twelve months period. With face values ranging from 14c to 25c, the total indicated is about \$1.31.

The new 4c commemorative stamped envelope will be issued July 19 at St. Joseph, Mo. in connection with Pony Express centennial year celebrations. Mr. Summerfield stated, adding that commemorative stamped envelopes are comparatively scarce.

The United States has issued such envelopes only in 1876 for the centennial of the Republic; in 1893 for the Columbian Exposition; in 1926 for the Sesquicentennial Exposition; in 1932 for the 20th anniversary of

Washington's birth, and for two International Philatelic Exhibitions in 1947 and 1956.

The Pony Express—one of the best known achievements in the development of postal service in the U. S.—began April 3, 1860 between St. Joseph, Mo. and Sacramento, Calif. A new 4c commemorative U. S. postage stamp already has been scheduled for first day sale at Sacramento to July 19.

The newly-announced plans mean that both major terminals of the Pony Express will be recognized next year and reflect the Post Office Department's interest in the centennial celebrations. Mr. Summerfield observed.

"It is particularly appropriate," he said, "that St. Joseph—which is so closely associated with the great traditions of the Pony Express—will be the point of first day issue for this unusual stamped commemorative envelope."

The stamp on the new envelope (Continued on page 14)

Rise To Power, Victory Over Eastern Foe, Postal Progress Reflected By Stamped Paper

Thomas G. Klein

In 1933, in connection with a Pan-German Catholic Congress held in Vienna, Austria issued a set of stamps marking the 250th anniversary of the relief of Vienna from the Turks. The event thus commemorated, while of major historical importance, was nevertheless but a climax in a series of events that cover more than four and a half centuries, alternately affecting Austria and Turkey, but always in relation to each other.

As in so many other instances, here too, stamps reflecting both past and present happenings give us a pictorial glimpse into the events that so profoundly affected the two countries.

A 1953 Turkish set marking the 500th anniversary of the Turkish conquest of Istanbul (Constantinople), brings to our attention this important event which marks the ascendancy of Turkish power.

the beginning of a relationship between Austria, Bohemia and Hungary, which in various forms endured till the beginning of the present century.

Furthermore, Austria now had to take over from Hungary the defense not only of her own territory, but also of the whole of western European civilization. This task was to shape her destiny for years to come.

For the time being however, Austria had to direct her attention to the Turkish menace which increased rapidly. In 1529, only three years after Hungary's defeat, Turkey invaded Austria and in September of that year laid siege to Vienna.

The ill-defended city escaped capture and looting only through the fortunate fact that the advanced season, and various defects in organization, forced the Turks to lift the siege and withdraw three weeks later.

The brave defense of the Hungarian city of Guens and the death of the Turkish Sultan, Soliman II, averted another threat to Vienna in 1532, but in 1541, Ofen (now Budapest) the old Hungarian capital fell to the invaders. Through this conquest, Turkey gained control of all of Central Hungary, and put the border lands, especially Styria and what was left of Hungary and Croatia, under constant Turkish threat.

But it was not alone the Turks with whom the Austrian rulers had to contend. Opposition to imperial rule by Transylvania, a principality in



Long enemies, Austria and Turkey now look toward a United Europe.

Turkish might soon overwhelmed the Balkans and in 1526 defeated the Hungarians at the battle of Mohacs in which the Hungarian king, Louis II met his death. This victory opened for the Turks the doors to Austria and with it those to the heart of Europe. However, this success of Turkish arms was of still greater and more far-reaching significance.

The death of the childless Louis, who had married the granddaughter of the Holy Roman Emperor Maximilian I, brought the emperor's grandson, the future Emperor Ferdinand I, to the forefront as heir to the Hungarian throne. The claim of this prince of the House of Habsburg, who already ruled Austria, was strengthened further by the fact that he was married to King Louis' sister.

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The Austria Philatelic Society was organized in 1948 through the efforts of Joseph F. Bush who became its first secretary. The Austria Philatelic Society of New York was incorporated under the laws of the State of New York in 1951. The Society aims at promoting and encouraging philately in general. It is, however, chiefly dedicated to the promotion of knowledge of the postal issues of Austria, including those of Hungary and Bosnia and the postal history of the former Austrian Monarchy.

From the beginning the membership has grown continuously. Collectors from almost every state of the Union have joined with many from Europe and even from such far-away places as Australia. Among them are beginners as well as advanced collectors whose names are well known in philatelic circles here and abroad.

The Society has passed many a noteworthy event during its existence. One of the most memorable was the sponsoring and organization of the "Austrian Centenary Stamp Exhibition" during April and May 1950 at the National Philatelic Museum in Philadelphia. In almost 200 frames were exhibited some of the finest stamps of Austria ever seen on display, much of the material having been submitted by our membership.

The planning of this exhibition began in June 1949 with the cooperation of the Austrian Government and the able assistance of Bernard Davis, the founder of the Philatelic Museum and one of our members. The men responsible for the staging of the exhibition came from among our members. The main responsibility lay in the hands of Edwin Mueller, chairman of the Philadelphia show, who had also contributed prominently to the success of another show—the famed WIPA International Stamp Exhibition in Vienna in 1933. His co-chairmen were the late Henry West, then president of the Society, and the late Felix Brunner, a well known collector and dealer. They were actively and ably assisted by Joseph F. Bush, then secretary of the Society, and other members of the group.

The beautiful and extensive show was hailed as a great success by the philatelic press and all those who had seen it. On this occasion, the National Philatelic Museum published a richly illustrated exhibition catalog with articles contributed by some of the foremost Austrian philatelists. The Austrian Postal Administration issued an air-letter sheet to commemorate the Centenary. The first day of use was made to coincide with the opening date of the exhibition and special postal markings were provided for this occasion.

The Austria Philatelic Society provides many benefits for its members. There is "The Bulletin" published five times a year and sent to all members free of charge. The Bulletin has gained recognition and wide acclaim by the philatelic press for its high standard and excellent contents. The editor is Fred Rafael, 880 W. 181st St., New York 33, N. Y. Monthly meetings of the Society are held on the second Monday of every month at The Collectors Club, 22 E. 35th St., New York City. Collections are exhibited at these meetings and forums or lectures are conducted.

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2 Christmas Sets
From The Vatican

The Vatican's two "Christmas sets" went on sale December 13, according to Pierson Ostrow of Burlington Vermont. Three of the stamps depict the Nativity of Christ. The other two honor Prince Casimir of Lithuania.



The Nativity set consists of a 15 Lire gray, a 25L. carmine rose and a 60L. bright blue. All three show the Nativity, as taken from a painting by Raphael which hangs in the Vatican's Pinokothek galleries.

The date "MCMLIX" (1959) is at the upper left of the design. At the bottom is the Latin inscription "Nativitas D. N. I. Christi" (Nativity of Our Lord Christ). The stamps are engraved and printed in panes of 30 subjects, on paper watermarked with Papal keys and perforated 13 1/4 x 14. The designer was Casimira Dabroska, while the engraving was by M. Columbat.

The Casimir stamps are in denominations of 50L. brown and 100L. green. They show a vignette of the saint at the right and a view of his chapel at Vilna at the left. Around

the crowned portrait is the inscription "Patronus S. Casimirus — Primarius Lithuaniae" (Patron Saint Casimir—First of Lithuanians).



At the top are the dates 1458 and 1958, which would indicate that the set is actually a year late. Printing is in panes of 40 subjects, on paper watermarked with Papal keys, perforated 14. The design is by V. K. Jonynas; the engraving by Alceo Quieti.

The Casimir set marks another stage in what is apparently a studied policy of emphasizing Catholicism in Communist lands. Previous issues of the past few years have called attention to the image "Mother of Poland" and to the Black Madonna of Vilna. The new pair honors the patron saint of Lithuania.

Casimir was born at Crawcow, in Poland, during one of the short-lived periods when Poland and Lithuania were united under one crown. His birth date was October 3, 1568, and he was the son of the great Casimir IV, who briefly welded Poland, Lithuania and the lands of the Teutonic Knights into a single realm. The "Lithuanian" Casimir never ruled any land, although he aspired to the throne of Hungary and acted as his father's regent in Poland from 1481 to 1483. He is known for having introduced Christianity into Lithuania.

Of devout nature, he indulged in

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long fasts and vigils which weakened his health and brought on a lung infection. Of this he died, on March 4, 1484, at Grodno, while still a young man. He was canonized in 1522 by Pope Adrian VI, and Clement VIII named March 4 as his feast day.

The chapel shown on the stamp was designed by a Dutchman, Peter Danckerts. It was begun in the 17th century by King Sigismund III and completed by Wladislaus IV. It con-

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Just Collecting Is Not Enough

By the time this edition comes to your hands several days of the new year will have passed. In fact, they probably have slipped by so quickly you haven't even realized the vanishing into eternity of these minutes and hours. If you have used them well, you got full value — if they were wasted, you threw away the most valuable treasure your Creator gave you — TIME! You can't buy a tenth of a second with a fortune. You can enrich your own or someone else's life by giving of it. Have you?



Carl P. Rueth

You don't have to be rushing around every conscious minute trying to do things. That is damaging to your health and generally of not much advantage to any one. Over-rushing, over-playing and over-working are just as sinful as overeating and over-drinking. One has to spread his day in an equitable manner so he is of some value and service to his God, his Country, his Family and himself. Such is considered well rounded living and tends to prolong the span of life and to make existence more enjoyable.

This all leads to participation in an avocation which offers relaxation and an opportunity to learn about life around us. Persons who have never become pre-occupied with an extra-hours hobby are apt to be the "lost ones" when the ties which keep them busy today are not here to bind them tomorrow. More and more the researchers in geriatrics propose that a retired old age can hold the best years of one's life if that person is equipped with something to keep him busy. Sitting around waiting for the hours to pass, and eternity to claim another candidate for the ages, is one of the most soul and spirit destroying kinds of existence.

But you can't count on being able to assume a hobby when you get up in the years. You have to be active in it before the retirement comes about. The service club to which I belong took a Christmas program, eats and presents to one of the dormitories of the Veterans Administration Facility at Dayton, Ohio just recently. The men were veterans of the wars of the United States of the past forty to fifty years. They had lots of time, a reasonable sum of spending money, and the recreation room area in which to work. I offered to help them get started in stamp collecting; to supply them with copies of our paper at no cost to them. (Free subscriptions of Linn's go to approximately 125 VA, Naval and other hospitals each week). I didn't get any takers. Not because they didn't think stamps were fun and worthwhile. But because all felt they were too far along in life to take on something new which they could pursue but a limited number of years at most before passing on to their reward. I believe the same attitude holds for the aged in the rest of our world. You have to start in the pre-retirement period.

There are some ethics involved in stamp collecting, for that is the hobby we hope many carry on when they stop work. The most important is to maintain a sense of balance. You can't go "hog wild" and chisel the paycheck for big purchases when your family will suffer thereby. Food, clothing, housing, charity and reasonable entertainment for all come first. If your family suffers in these areas because you just can't resist spending more than you should, then you are no different morally or spiritually than the fellow who blows his money in on drink. Many families budget their income, including spending money for mother, dad and the kids. Each must learn to remain within that financial limit — to get 100 cents on the dollar in pleasure and value for each "buck" spent.

Just as you can't put all the family income into stamps, you are not justified in putting every spare minute of your time into the collection. If you are a bachelor and have no family responsibilities then do as you wish. However, it still isn't a healthy climate of living, family or no. It is truly selfish for a wife to neglect her husband and family to collect stamps — the same holds true for the husband. Families are to be enjoyed and lived with.

Another point of ethics is our public behavior with other collectors. I get letters often which tell me that members of clubs which do not collect United States, or which do not specialize in "specks and scratches", are held in low esteem by those who do. Anyone guilty of such snobbishness is guilty of all the other sins which accompany this trait. Stamp collecting is to be enjoyed as each individual wants to enjoy it. If he likes topicals, country collections or out and out general collecting, that's his right and any one who doesn't like it can go to where the devil lives.

Just keep common sense and the Golden Rule handy in your philatelic associations. You'll have a lot more fun while living. When you die, they'll say, "There was a real nice guy. We're sure going to miss him." I'd like that. Wouldn't you?

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SMILEATELICS . . by Bob Rieker



"... and in this room Herbert and some of his cronies meet on Tuesday nights and trade stamps, I think!"

Design Data Released On Two More Commems

Charles R. Chickering was the designer of the 4c Dr. Ephraim McDowell "Famous American" stamp issued December 3 at Danville, Ky.

The portrait was engraved by Charles A. Brooks, and the outline frame, lettering and numeral by George A. Payne, Postmaster General Arthur E. Summerfield has announced.

The 4c "Credo" stamp, featuring the words of George Washington "Observe good faith and justice toward all nations", which will make its initial appearance January 20 at Mt. Vernon, Va. was based on a design by Frank Conley. The entire design was engraved by Robert J. Jones.

1960 STAMP PROGRAM

- Jan. 20 — American Credo, George Washington, Mt. Vernon, Va. (50 per pane, 120,000,000).
- Feb. 1 — Inter-American Conference Airmail 10c, Washington, D. C. (50 per pane, 60,000,000).
- Feb. 8 — Boy Scouts Golden Jubilee 4c, Washington, D. C. (50 per pane, 120,000,000).
- Feb. 18 — Winter Olympic Games 4c.
- Mar. 7 — Thomas G. Masaryk "Champion of Liberty 4c and 8c, Washington, D. C. 4c, 70 per pane, 120,000,000; 8c, 72 per pane, 40,000,000).
- Mar. 23 — American Credo, Benjamin Franklin, Philadelphia, Pa. (50 per pane, 120,000,000).
- American Credo stamps for Thomas Jefferson, Patrick Henry, Francis Scott Key, and Abraham Lincoln.
- Apr. 17 — World Refugee Year 4c, Washington, D. C. (120,000,000).
- Apr. 18 — Water Conservation 4c, Washington, D. C.
- Apr. 22 — Airmail regular 25c, San Francisco, Calif. (50 per pane).
- June 10 — Airmail Regular 10c, Miami, Fla. (50 per pane).
- June 17 — 1/4c regular, 1/4c coil and 1/4c stamped envelope, Santa Fe, N. M.
- Boys' Clubs of America (120,000,000).
- July 4 — 50-Star Flag 4c.
- July 19 — Pony Express 4c, Sacramento, Calif.
- July 19 — Pony Express 4c envelope, St. Joseph, Mo.
- Aug. 28 — Employ the Physically Handicapped, New York, N. Y.
- Aug. 29 — Fifth World Forestry Congress, Seattle, Wash.
- Nov. 1 — Camp Fire Girls Golden Jubilee 4c, New York, N. Y. (120,000,000).

UNITED NATIONS

- Jan. 18 — 10c Air-Letter sheet.
- Feb. 15 — 4c and 8c "Buildings".

CANADA

- May — Dillard des Armeaux defense of Montreal.
- 5c Girl Guide Movement 50th year.
- Natural Resources.
- 10c aerogram.

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Surinam Single For Constitution

Surinam has joined the Netherlands and Netherlands Antilles in honoring the fifth anniversary of the joint constitution with the release of one commemorative stamp December 15.

The multicolor adhesive has the value of 20 Surinam cents. It shows three flowers characteristic of the three countries of the Netherlands Kingdom: A red flower symbolizing Surinam, a yellow tulip for the Netherlands and a green cactus for the Netherlands Antilles (Curacao).



The design was selected in a contest among local Surinamese artists. The stamp was printed by the photogravure process by Enschede en Zonen, Haarlem, and will remain on sale for 60 days only.

In 1954 the "Statuut" (constitution) was promulgated, by which the Dutch Kingdom, after almost 300 years of colonial rule, was divided into separate and equal "partners": Netherlands, Surinam, and Netherlands Antilles.

Under the "Statuut" Queen Juliana is the queen of the each "Rijksdel" (Dominion) of the Kingdom, and is represented by the Governor General.

According to Manfred R. Lehmann of New York who supplied the above information, Surinam's "Native Art" issue of four semipostals will be released January 15.

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Two Queens On Bechuanaland Set

The issue of special stamps commemorating the 75th anniversary of the Proclamation of the Bechuanaland Protectorate is of particular interest since this territory has never previously commemorated any domestic event by this means. Values will be 1d black on brown, 3d black on magenta and 6d black on blue.

The history of British protection in the area now known as the Bechu-

aland Protectorate started January 1885 when Her Majesty Queen Victoria issued an Order-in-Council providing for the exercise of British jurisdiction over the territory known as Bechuanaland and the Kalahari extending over parts of South Africa south west of the boundary of the South African Republic (Transvaal).

On September 30 of the same year, a proclamation was issued by the High Commissioner for South Africa under which the territory south of the Molopo River became a Colony known as British Bechuanaland. It was later incorporated into

the Cape Province of the Union of South Africa.



The remaining area north of the Molopo continued under Her Majesty's protection and became known as the Bechuanaland Protectorate. This was later extended northward

to include the whole of the present Bechuanaland Protectorate. September 30 is now a public holiday known as "Protectorate Day".

The year 1885 is thus an important date in the history of the Protectorate, and its 75th anniversary is being commemorated by an issue of three stamps which will be released January 21 immediately before the anniversary of the original Order-in-Council.

The design includes half-length portraits of Queen Victoria and Queen Elizabeth II with a central subject of a "pan". This is a typical

feature of the Bechuanaland Protectorate landscape where a shallow, or nearly dry, lake provides water for cattle, domestic animals and game.

The photograph on which the design is based was taken by an officer of the Bechuanaland Protectorate Government, G. J. L. Atkinson.

The stamps were photogravure printed by Harrison & Sons Ltd. in size 25 x 35mm perforation to perforation, horizontal format, on C. A. (Block Capitals) watermarked paper. They will be placed on sale January 21, with the period of sale to be announced later.

IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENT TO READERS OF LINN'S

We have been issuing a monthly Bargain List of special offers for 20 months, ranging from individual classics to truck load accumulations. In between, you are apt to find anything and that is why we are going to list some of these bargains on page 5 of Linn's, every issue, for some time to come. Length of time, will of course, depend upon response shown. We buy in mass production, break down into logical proportions and pass the profit on to you. Of course, we also like mass selling and are not interested in nickel orders. While we have not sought any free advertising, or special praise, our List has, on many occasions, met with favorable comment in the philatelic press. Therefore, if you are a collector, accumulator, investor, speculator, bargain hunter, dealer, etc., there will be something of interest in our Bargain List, or on this page from time to time, so we suggest you give this page special attention and read the various bargains carefully and

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ITALY AND COLONIES

(1) With 808 mint and used stamps. Not too much quantity in this album, but plenty of quality. For example the following mint sets. Italy 349-54, \$6.15; 410-12, C79-83; C89-94, \$7.35; CE5-9, Eritrea 168-174, \$4.45; Italian Colonies 32-41, \$10.65. Some nice sets of Italian Somaliland, Libia, Trieste, Tripolitania and over 200 Vatican with catalog value of over \$200.00. They include such as 1-7 mint; 8-13 used; 41-43 mint; 2 copies of mint 49; 1 used 51 and many lesser values in complete sets, used. Price for entire album \$175.00.

NORTHERN EUROPE

(2) 2,300 stamps and a very nice collection, particularly Poland. We haven't done any cataloging on Poland, but it looks pretty well complete with many, many complete mint sets. Other highlights are Estonia C14-18 mint at \$2.10, Latvia B29-33 mint at \$2.50, B34-8 used at \$3.80, Lithuania 75-80 mint at \$6.00, 264-71 mint at \$1.70, 272-77B mint at \$1.70, 277C-77K mint at \$1.66, C8-14 used at \$3.50, C47-54 mint at \$2.85, C79-84 mint at \$2.25, C85-7 used at \$1.75, etc. Price for the collection only \$138.00, which figures 6c per stamp.

INDEPENDENT COUNTRIES OF ASIA

(3) With 2,175 stamps, haven't done a bit of cataloging in this one either. A smattering of Afghanistan, China doesn't look exciting as to quantity or quality, Persia looks good with many complete sets. Japan also is good. Nothing to speak of in the early issues, but many booklet panes, souvenir sheets, particularly of the Park issues, nice air mails, etc. Guess everyone knows that Japanese stamps are much sought after today. Korea has a few sets, but nothing to get excited about, Manchukuo is fair, etc. Price for collection only \$130.00. Figure at 6c per stamp.

GREAT BRITAIN, BRITISH EUROPE AND OCEANIA

(4) Containing 1,210 stamps. Glancing through it, we notice the following. Great Britain 2U1 at \$9.00, Gibraltar 145, used at \$5.50, Malta 233 to 4, mint at \$6.12, also 246-59, mint, at \$2.70, Papua 122-26, mint at \$9.03, Pitcairn Islands 1-8, mint, at \$1.66, also other items such as Fiji Island 5 shilling used, 2 and 5 shilling mint, etc. Definitely not the cheapest stamps possible and it surely is worth \$89.00, which figures out approximately 7c per stamp.

BRITISH AFRICA

(5) This obviously wasn't one of the strong points of this man's collection, but there are still a goodly number of respectable stamps in the collection, with a total number of 1,340. Egypt looks particularly nice with many complete sets. Southern Rhodesia goes through the 5 shilling, etc. Price \$89.00.

SCANDINAVIA AND FINLAND

(6) 954 stamps with some of the high lights as follows. Danish West Indies 51-8, mint at \$2.00, Finland B12-14, mint at \$1.60, B18-20, mint at \$1.30, Norway B28-30 at \$1.00, mint, and many more items of interest. Price \$57.00.

(7) GERMANY AND COLONIES, collection of 5,350 stamps in two Scott's Specialty Albums. This one has been cataloged and the value is over \$6,000.00. This is the nicest German collection we have ever seen and upon inspection, I am sure you, too, will say the same. Post war Germany is especially heavy with all the good souvenir sheets, which sell at a high percentage of catalog. The various offices, including the Kaiser's ships, is very strong. In fact, there are very few, if any, weak spots in the entire collection. The best description we could give would be magnificent. Saar even has the two good souvenir sheets, CBIA at \$65.00 and B64A at \$60.00. Many more lovely items of Saar, including most of the early semi-postal sets, mint. We dare say you will never have another opportunity to buy another collection such as this at 20% of catalog. Net \$1,300.00.

(8) St. Helena, sheet of 120 #56, unused. Catalogs 80c each, thus the total catalog value would be \$96.00, net \$17.00.

(9) Mint plate block collection of Philippines, (U.S. Issues), comprising of the following numbers, 340, 341, 384, 385, 387, 388, 389, 392, 397, 398, 399, 400, 401, 422, 424, 433, 435, 437, 439, 440, 441, 500, 501, 502, C46, C47, C51, C54, C62, E7, and as you will notice by the numbers, some really good plate blocks are involved. All are plates of 6, except #422 and #424, which are proper in plate of 4 with two plate numbers. Net \$50.00.

(10) EGYPT, collection of 290 stamps and worth special mention. The majority being mint including the early issues. Also a good showing of pictorials. This collection, too, must be seen to really appreciate it. Catalog value \$270.00, net price \$69.00.

DEALER'S STOCK OF PICTORIALS AND SHORT SETS

(11) Both mint and used should be very useful to the approval dealer catering to the juvenile collector. Material is mainly Europe, South America and Spanish Colonies. Approximately 5,000 short sets of 15,000 stamps, plus another 7,300 pictorials, total 22,300 stamps. Price \$125.00. By the way, this lot was sold sometime ago in the Stamp Wholesaler with a cost of nearly \$200.00. This is what we mean when we say we offer below wholesale.

VATICAN CITY

(12) A valuable stock all set up in stock books with numbers and prices under each stamp of used Vatican City. Probably half of the value is in the air mail section. For example, there are fifteen C21, about the same of C22 and C23, including a couple of blocks, etc. This is not canceled to order material, but has been officially used and is extremely clean. Damaged items now and then will appear, but it has not been calculated in the total catalog value. Total catalog value \$1,100.00. Notice there are also around 50 copies of C16. All in all a very nice stock, it should go at the net price of \$425.00.

COLLECTION OF BRAZIL

(13) Containing around 500 stamps with some duplication, mostly 19th and 20th century and a good showing between the #7 and #13 of the small numerals, 3 copies of #2 used. Catalog value \$920.00, price only \$89.00.

ARGENTINA OFFICIALS

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(16) As per our advertising, which you have undoubtedly seen, we sell stamps at 2c each. These are usually commercial collections of 5, 10 or 20,000 different. After approximately half of the stamps are gone, we reduce the stamps to 1c each and after they are out a couple of times at 1c each, there are more or less postage wasters, so we are now offering them to you at unbelievable low prices to clear our shelves. While it stands to reason the better stamps are gone, we believe you will find items cataloging up to 10c each and in some instances, probably considerably more. These books will average around 200 stamps per book and we want 30c per book, which figures out 15c per 100. This by the way, figures about the same price as unless it makes sense to the office help, and believe me, most of them would really make a bulky and bulging package, and if you don't find \$69.00 worth, just shoot it back, except the help, no questions asked. One more promise, send your check for \$69.00 and you won't get it back unless you ask for it, we will guarantee to send something!

JOB LOTS

(17) Because of the popularity of the \$69.00 job lots, we are going to assemble some more. We will start out with a book of attractive and hard to get sets with a catalog value of \$72.00, next will come a 5,000 collection mounted in a hard cover album, following this, a souvenir of Pope John XXIII coronation, card and 10 attractive stamps in protective plastic folder. Story of Vatican and coronation on reverse, a beautiful addition to any collection, a packet of 50 different Queen Elizabeth stamps, next will be a book of sets and singles with a catalog value of \$50.00, or more. From here on, you will have to leave it up to us as each lot will vary, but we will throw in more sets, more singles, more junk, more good material, more indifferent material, more odd size approval books which we no longer use, an occasional stock book with stamps, as long as they last, more closet out approvals and right now I can't think of what else unless it makes sense to the office help, and believe me, most of them would really make a bulky and bulging package, and if you don't find \$69.00 worth, just shoot it back, except the help, no questions asked. One more promise, send your check for \$69.00 and you won't get it back unless you ask for it, we will guarantee to send something!

MISCELLANEOUS ACCUMULATIONS

(18) Stock book with mint blocks of Scandinavia with catalog of around \$30.00. Stock book with few hundred unimportant stamps, another stock book with several hundred stamps and some decent looking material. This must catalog many, many dollars alone. Quantity of foreign pictorials on paper, envelope full of U. S. revenues, probably mostly seconds, many auction sheets with decent stamps, some over \$1.00 catalog, some cheap bundled foreign and country lots in individual envelopes plus another box with thousands of cheap stamps. Shipping weight around 14 pounds. Here is a chance to keep digging for only \$69.00. This is another one at a small percentage of catalog.

(18A) U.S. and foreign approximately 11 pounds which includes various envelopes full of U. S. and foreign, on and off paper. There is a good assortment of recent foreign pictorials on paper, also a good quantity of U. S. commemoratives on and off paper as well as regular issues, an enormous amount of the 1894-1898 2c tri-angel stamps all unclassified, some on, some off paper. The more you dig, the more interesting it gets, but don't expect a lot of \$5.00 Columbians, don't expect any might find some 2c Columbians. We have figured it at \$4.00 a pound, price \$49.00. You can have a lot of interesting evenings in this assortment and maybe we did miss something, we just glanced through it as that is the way it was purchased.

(18B) French pictorials, used. Well over 100 varieties in large stamps only, from a few up to 500 of each. There is another pound or so of small stamps which would be several thousand, but which haven't been counted at all. Air mails look really good, everything seems to be select copies. For an approval dealer this is really choice material. Catalog value of the items counted is \$547.00, price for everything only \$69.00 which would probably be around 5% of catalog if everything were counted. Most of this is post war, but there is a scattering of early semi-postals.

(19) Foreign sheets, total of 274 sheets or part sheets, mostly of the junk type, such as inflation Germany but there are a few that would be classified out of this category. Some Hitler heads, quite a few Czechoslovakia and a few decent looking Russia. Probably the majority of the stamps would catalog from 2c to 10c with the emphasis on the 2c At 10c a sheet, don't hardly see how you could go wrong, though. Price \$27.40.

(19A) St. Helena, sheet of 120 #56, unused. Catalogs 80c each, thus the total catalog value would be \$96.00, net \$17.00.

(20) Civil War Correspondence, one file on General Hitchcock and another on General Burford. The original price on these was \$100.00 for the General Hitchcock file and \$25.00 for the General Burford file. There is an enormous amount of correspondence, particularly in the General Hitchcock group. Both files for only \$50.00.

(21) Another set of United Nations first day covers, #1-60 complete, except for #11, 23, 24, 25, 26, 29, 30 and 38. Retail \$60.00, wholesale \$40.00, our price \$29.00. When we figured the retail and wholesale, we figured them as singles, but there are some with blocks and inscription blocks.

(22) Odds and ends of United Nations first day covers, 65 covers in all and a good variety. Retail \$45.00, wholesale \$30.25, our price \$19.00.

(23) Latvia C9-13 on special flight cover. This is a rare one. Sold for \$56.00 in 1947, now for sale again at \$39.00.

ODDS AND ENDS

(24) Odds and ends of foreign stamps. Some Sanabria listed airmails, including Mexico #C15 impf. not priced by Scott, but listed by Sanabria at \$400.00. Also many errors, some inverts, many Japanese occupations, not priced by Scott. Also Canada #79 impf., etc. etc. If you are interested in Sanabria listings, plus some freaks and errors, this lot is it. Everything included was formally priced net at \$764.50, now all for \$99.00.

MISCELLANEOUS JOB LOTS

(25) Shoe box full of various envelopes, foreign covers, British Colonies and many good looking mint British and a sizable quantity of used Cook Islands just loose in envelopes. This lot is exactly as purchased, no catalog value available, but an outstanding buy at only \$29.00.

(26) Canada, mint collection of 275 different, beautiful stamps and excellent condition throughout. Catalog value \$451.88, net \$157.00. This figures about half retail and the current material at this price will figure under face

(27) Canada, collection with 225, all different, mint stamps with a catalog of \$218.67, net \$76.00. Another beauty.

(28) Canada, collection of 382, all different, used stamps. Catalog value \$350.63, net \$105.00.

(29) Canada, collection of 342, all different, used stamps. Catalog value \$263.16, net \$79.00.

(30) Canada, collection of 316, all different, used stamps. Catalog value \$289.00, net \$86.00.

(31) Newfoundland, all mint collection of 201 different stamps. Condition is really tops. Catalog value \$662.14, net \$232.00.

(32) Newfoundland, collection of 150 different, all mint stamps. Condition also very nice. Catalog value of \$344.42, net \$121.00.

(33) Newfoundland, collection of 110 all different mint stamps. Same description as above. Catalog value \$114.90, net \$40.00.

(34) Newfoundland, collection of 145, all different used stamps. Catalog value of \$233.84, net \$70.00.

(35) Newfoundland, collection of 100 used, all different stamps. Catalog value \$148.88, net \$44.00.

(36) Newfoundland, collection of 92, all different used stamps. Catalog value \$77.25, net \$23.00.

(37) United States collection in Scott's American Album, used, with 373 different stamps and no revenues. Columbians complete through the \$2.00; Pan-American and Louisiana Purchase complete, also Jamestown, Pilgrim, Huguenot, Norse American, etc. Kansas-Nebraska complete, C1-6 complete. Another very nice collection with a retail value of \$825.00, our price 1/2 of retail, \$412.50.

(38) United States collection with 987 mint and used stamps, mounted in Scott's American Album, no revenues. Another outstanding collection. The 1899 series complete, #112-122 used, also contains #137 and #138 used, #145-155 complete, used; Columbians through the 30c; Pan-American, Louisiana Purchase; Jamestown; Pilgrim; Huguenot; all complete, used; Kansas-Nebraska complete, used; Famous Americans mint and most of the material thereafter is mint. Retail price over \$1,000.00, our price \$500.00.

(39) United States collection in Scott's American Album, no revenues, both mint and used, for a total of 884 stamps. A lot of nice early material. Pan-American; Louisiana Purchase; Jamestown complete; Pilgrim; used; Huguenot; Lexington; Kansas complete, used; Parks perforated and imperf complete, mint; Famous Americans complete, mint, etc. Retail value \$550.00, net \$225.00.

(40) United States collection, mounted in Scott's American Album, 924 mint and used stamps, another beautiful collection, very clean, #145-155 complete used; #219-229 complete, used; Columbians complete through the 30c, used; Pan-American; Louisiana Purchase; Jamestown; Pilgrim; Huguenot; Kansas complete, used; Parks perforated and imperf; Army-Navy; Famous Americans; Flags, complete, mint. Also some nice mint air mails. No revenues are included. Retail \$620.00, net \$310.00.

In the United States collection we have just listed, we have given you the high lights and retail prices, which are ours, and we might add, they compare favorably with anyone, anywhere. At the prices we have discounted these collections, it means much of the later mint material is going well below face. Do not confuse net prices with catalog prices. Net prices will probably average around 65% of Scott's catalog prices. We have never had such a lovely group of collections before to offer and maybe never will again, we hope so though.

(41) United States accumulation, mounted on album sheets, 950 stamps with duplication, catalog value \$1,120.00. There are a considerable number of seconds, but they are not, by all means, all seconds and at a 10th of catalog value, guess you can hardly go wrong. Price \$112.00.

1948 SERIES IN COMPLETE SHEETS

(42) #953 to #980 and C38. As most of you know the 1948 series is becoming difficult to get and some of the sheets already demand a high premium. Face value is \$62.20, while they last, we will sell at \$62.64, which is 20% over face. Tear the plates off, use the rest for postage and you will still come out alright.

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(48) Flags, #909-21, \$9.50.
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PLATE BLOCKS

(61) We have assembled several lots of 100 all different commemoratives, starting with #610, which as you might expect, will be the best plate in the lot since they are averaging under 18c each. Price \$17.99.

(62) Lot of 150 all different commemorative plate blocks, also starting with #610, price \$29.99. We doubt if this could be duplicated anywhere at this price.

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Carl P. Rueth

It's "Voting Time" again—your opportunity to express an opinion how you feel about our United States stamp designs of 1959. A ballot in the 12th Annual Design Derby is on this page which you can fill in and mail, or use a reasonable facsimile. Readers of more than a year know how the Derby operates—a few lines of explanation will be given here for those who do not.

This yearly feature was begun in 1948 when there was so much complaining on the part of the general public and collectors because of the magnitude of that year's stamp program, the poor quality of most designs, and the inane events for which the commems were issued. It seemed that expediency in the matter of politics shouldered common sense and good taste over the cliff.

People were pretty much burned up.

The first step in casting an eye on the 1959's for artistic quality is to gather one of each and mount them on a black background for best display. Don't depend on your memory in judging. You must evaluate the item as it is—engraving, color and appeal—rather than what it might have been say for instance in another color. Be fair—don't be swayed by prejudices.

Under the Best Design head are three columns. In the first put a mark for the stamp you like best; for that you like next, in the second; and your third choice in column three. Mark only one time in each column.

Under Least Necessary pick one stamp which you believe had the least merit—the poorest qualification from a national historical standpoint—for being released.

Place a mark, one only, in the column Worst Design for that which you believe was the poorest in 1959.

You will also find a head Designs Below Average Under it are two places one for designs you believe are "Poor", and one for those "Bad". You can mark as many as you want in these two columns, but here again be fair.

The Derby will continue for some weeks after which time the polls will be closed and the results made known.

Ballots similar to that shown here are available to stamp clubs and other groups which want to make a program. A larger number do each

year, some even going so far as to offer prizes to members coming closest to national results. The ballots are free. Just send a stamped addressed envelope and a note stating the quantity needed.

The year just closed, in my opinion, had a greater number of really good designs than for a similar twelve months of recent times. However, there were some commems released which were for unworthy subjects.

Mail your ballots to Carl P. Rueth, P. O. Box 29, Sidney, Ohio. Thanks a bushel for your cooperation.

1. The two stamp designs in the CIPEX souvenir sheet of 1947 were of previously issued stamps. What stamps were they?

2. What difference in color is there between the originals and the souvenir sheet stamps mentioned above?

William N. Wright, 1365 Jefferson Ave., Ogden, Utah who has time now and again to hand draw cachets on U. S. commem FDC's, some of which have been pictured in Linn's, is in the hospital. He has been confined mostly to a wheelchair in which vehicle much of his commendable cachet artwork was done.

I have a suspicion he'd like to get a "hello" from some of you. Why not drop a card his way?

If my count is correct, nineteen commems have been announced by the Post Office Department for 1960. This does not include two airmails (10c and 25c), a commemorative 4c envelope (Pony Express) and a 14c stamped envelope, or the 14c sheet and coil stamps.

San Marino, France and Russia take heed. A new stamp-issuing champ is in the making—our good old Uncle Sammy's Post Office Department!

In October the Bureau of Engraving and Printing destroyed 359 plates for the printing of postage stamps. These were listed together with other plate news in the December 14 edition. In November an additional 109 were cancelled out which should leave the vaults at the Bureau resembling Mother Hubbard's cupboard.

Some plates saw limited usage, that is, gave a small quantity of impressions. I am presenting these for you, considering a figure such as 12,000 impressions rather limited. The scarcity of the following range downwards from it.

Presidential 4c coil 24052-3, scarce; 24512-3 rare; Presidential 5c coil 23722-3, limited; Presidential 10c coil 22102-3, scarce; \$2 Presidential 24480, scarce; \$5 Presidential 23482,

limited, 24481, scarce, 24482, scarce.

Much of the reading matter of this edition is devoted to the Philately of Austria. You will find some highly informative articles in the category of popular reading by top-notch specialists in that nation's philatelics.

Austria is a pet country of mine. I do not go in to it as a philatelist but as a stamp collector. I am intrigued with the designs on that nation's stamps, the commems and semipostals especially, since around 1922.

Here is a country for those who want pretty designs in compatible colors; and sets where the designs and colors are considered for total appearance by the designer. You'll find little clashing of hues or pictures here.

Further, there has been little if any attempt to gouge collectors with unworthy issues. Sets are moderate in price when first released, easily obtained from your dealer. Almost every year the stamp catalogs indicate an increasing value for Austria. The designers and engravers are the world's best. What more can you ask of a country to collect?

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Not exactly jet mail, but still the fastest of its day a century or so ago, is recalled by the above display in the Austrian Post and Telegraph Museum in Vienna. The post carrier's fancy uniform and various containers for mail are accompanied by such equipment as his post-horn and assorted weapons for protecting himself and his charge against highwaymen and wild beasts.

A Visit To The Post And Telegraph Museum In Vienna

As translated from the German by
Dr. Ernst Popp

When a philatelist hears the words "post museum", he is likely to imagine instantly a collection of postage stamps—large, rich and complete, including the rarest of items and international in character. And yet the concept of a post museum, includes more than exhibition of postal paper, particularly in a country whose postal history goes back almost 2000 years.

The highways of Austria once were marked with milestones. Their presence recalled a time when the "cursus publicus", the Roman state mail, covered a far-flung network of roads. Non-scheduled and not open to the public, this state mail was only a precursor of today. And yet it occupied an important position in ancient Rome, and formed the backbone of culture and civilization in Austria.

In the Middle Ages communication was left to individual institutions so that cities, monasteries, universities, and rulers had their private messenger services. From these messengers developed the postal system in our present sense of the word.

Such a service began in Austria in 1505. It became international in 1516, when the House of Hapsburg commissioned the House of Taxis to institute a post centered in Brussels which would reach from Spain to Hungary and from Mecheln via Innsbruck to Naples.

Not only did the Hapsburgs arrange for international mail, but the Austrian hereditary lands also received a postal communication system. Its administration came into the hands of the Paar family which was invested with the Austrian postmaster generalship in 1624. This covered a wide area, since it included both Hungary and Bohemia.

In addition, an imperial courier service to Constantinople became a political necessity, and broadened the western outlook toward the East. Austria's role as a tie between nations is again evidenced in the planning and realization of its postal system.

Ever-increasing tasks required the nationalization of the post in 1722, and the establishment of regular coach connections. The Biedermeier period saw express coaches; railroads and the telegraph were not far behind.

The need for central organization brought, in 1866, the General Directorate for Postal and Telegraphic Affairs in the form in which it still functions today. Its ultimate province encompassed the telegraph, the pneumatic mail and telephone, post buses and airmail.

The post museum covers the most important phases of this development. We can mention only a few highlights from its sequence of sections and rooms. There is, for example, an oaken beam from the pile work of a Roman marsh road.

A dead weight from the cloister Admont (1494-1495) gives evidence of the great distances covered by the medieval cloister messenger in the South and Central German area.

The collection of hourly logs from 1495 to 1916 contains, for the early period, the most significant documents of its kind in Europe. An ornate baroque sled, among other memorabilia, symbolizes the wealth of the postmasters, who for centuries were the conveyors of news.

The Viennese "rattle mail" had messengers who shook their rattles through old Vienna as they collected and delivered mail; soon thereafter one finds letter carriers and post coachmen. The autograph books of

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tria, contains entries by the cream of European society.

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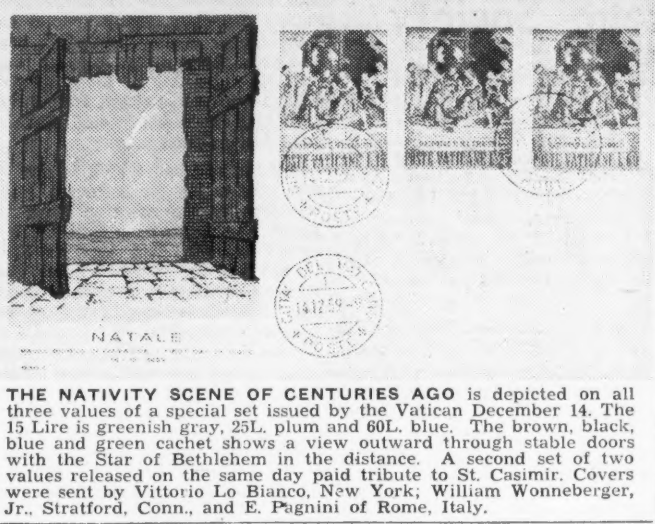
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POSTAL MUSEUM (Continued from page 8)

system structure, telegraphy, telephone, and radio. Cables are shown, all the way from the imperial cables laid in the Adriatic, to those now used in Austria.

Telegraphy runs the gamut from Bain's magnetic needle and bell device to the modern teletype. Telephones are shown from Gothic and baroque models to the newest units, with radio from early devices and marine transmitters to television.

The exhibits are supplemented by study collections in Wien-Schwechat. These contain much technical material the regular viewing of which is precluded by lack of space.

A natural question arises—where are the stamps?

Postage stamps have, of course, always played an important role in the Austrian post museum. The Jubilee Trade Exposition in 1888 had an extensive showing of them, which formed the beginnings of the post museum. The museum is now 70 years old, having been established in 1889 by the then Minister of Commerce Bacquehem.

In 1891 it opened in the left arcade of the main building of the 1873 World's Fair in the Prater (a park and amusement area on the outskirts of Vienna—tr.). Circular displays—still modern—permitted the visitors to leaf through what seemed in fact giant albums of stamps.

When the museum moved into its present location in the Technical Museum, Mariahilferstrasse 212, the

contents were reorganized and concentrated to give a new perspective of the stamp collections of the Austrian posts. Special occasions have brought forth many exhibits of usually inaccessible material.

As a supervisory measure since World War II, however, all of the museum's stamps have been removed to the Postal Savings Building in Vienna and are now administered by the General Post Directorate.

Current exhibits in the museum include, because of space limitations, only stamps which show the development of postal rates since 1850, plus a display of the creation of postage stamps, from the design to the printing and distribution. From cancellation and seal collections, the museum features a survey of the most important Austria cancellations, many of which considerably antedate the issuance of postage stamps.

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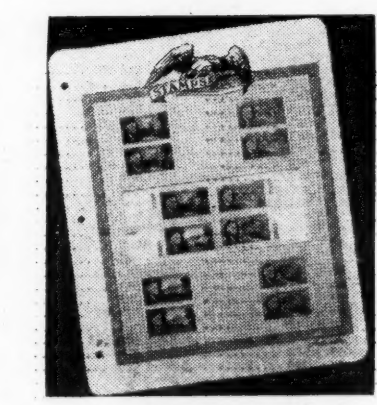
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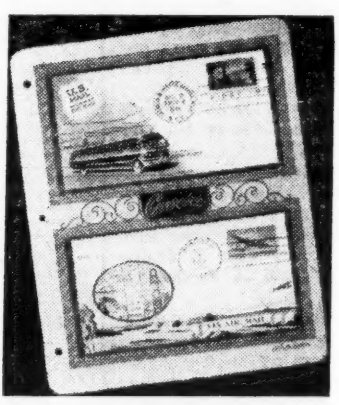
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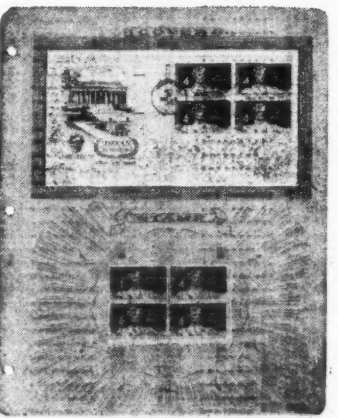


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"Fellows, I brought some covers with me today. There are some things I want to ask you about them!" Many an exciting discussion at a meeting of the Austria Philatelic Society has begun in just this way.

"Here, look at this one. A cover from Trieste, mailed on June 23, 1864, and franked with a 15 kreuzer 1864 (Scott No. 26, Minkus 37) and two 3kr. 1863's (Scott No. 18, Minkus 29), addressed to Ancona. First of all, was the 1863 issue still good for postage after the 1864 was issued?"

One of the members whose specialty is the issues prior to 1867 had a quick answer to this one: "They weren't thought of as separate issues, you know. The narrow perforation just turned out to be very inconvenient, and the machines were in bad shape, and so the perf 9½ machines were put in use.

"And the most common values were already issued in the wide perforation late in 1863," he continued. "But both issues were valid for postage well into the period of the 1867 issue—until the middle of 1869, in fact."

"But not in Hungary", commented a collector of 19th century Hungarian cancellations. "After the establishment of the dual monarchy in 1867, and the issuance of the new stamps on June 1, the old stamps were valid in Hungary for only a month."

"Why the difference?", someone wondered.

"Oh, that's because of the language troubles in the old empire. The old issues had the word 'Kreuzer', in German, written out, and this offended the nationally-minded Hungarians. The new 1867 issue had only the abbreviation 'kr.', which could also stand for the Hungarian 'krajzar'.

"So the old issue was valid in Austria for a long time, but not in Hungary. Mixed covers between the 1864 and the 1867 issues used in Hungary are pretty rare, by the way," he added wistfully.

Well, we all felt pretty enlightened about the mixed franking. But how about the rate? Isn't 21 kreuzer a pretty unusual rate? "It's certainly not one of the commonest," chimed in a postal history specialist, "but it was the standard rate from Austria to the Italian states during this period for mail which was paid through its destination, that is."

"The rate didn't change until the UPU agreement in 1875," commented an 1867 issue specialist in the background.

"But how would anyone know if full postage had been paid by the sender? Sounds as if the rates and regulations were pretty complicated. You couldn't expect every clerk along the way to keep weighing the letter and look up the rule book, could you?"

"No, you couldn't," answered another postal history specialist. "That's what the 'P.D.' marking on the cover is for. This means 'porto a destinatione', or 'paye a destinatione'—that is 'paid to its destination'.

"Then everyone knew that the full postage has been paid by the sender. Twenty years earlier it wouldn't have been considered proper to pay the postage, by the way. Most of it was paid by the recipient then."

"Too bad the 'P.D.' marking didn't happen to fall on one of the stamps, instead of next to them. As a canceller, that marking is really scarce," murmured a cancellation collector. "But if there is one thing I have learned, it is never to argue with a cover."

The discussion wasn't over, by any means. We had to check for our perforations specialist that the 3kr 1863's were 18 teeth, rather than 17 or 19 teeth high (a scarce variety). And there was a transit marking from Ferrara to explain, also the "expedition" part of the Trieste cancellations.

It was, as you can well imagine, an instructive and delightful session. But, deeper than that, this represented the spirit of learning and sharing which is so important to philately. The Austria Philatelic Society numbers among its members many eager students and many recognized specialists; the two groups overlap considerably.

Austria is a very rich and varied country to collect, as the fields of many specialist members, and the subjects of our speakers, attest. There are the classic issues, with their beautiful cancellations and still unsolved problems of plating.

Perforation varieties persist all the way from the 1858 3 soldi black through some of the inflation issues

in the early twenties. They present a life-long challenge if you would like to find all of them.

If airmail is your meat, there is hardly a better country. The balloon mail from the siege of Przemyśl in 1915 forms a fascinating chapter; so also does the established airline serving Vienna, Krakau, Lemberg, Budapest, and Keiv in 1918. Quite a new and exciting field is offered by the chaotic period of 1945 and beyond.

There are locals, emergency cancellations and registry labels, stampless covers, censorship markings, provisional issues, blackouts, and a currency reform. The ship marking collector will find much to occupy him in the history of the Austrian Lloyd in the Mediterranean and the Danube Steam Navigation Co.

The language problems of the old empire have left their mark, too, on both the cancellations and the postal stationery, both of which fields have their devotees. The reaches of old Austria are reflected in disinfected covers, in the offices in Levant, the pre-stamp markings of Lombardy-Venetia, the strange limits in the T.P.O. markings, and the history of 30 years of military occupation of Bosnia-Herzegovina.

The empire's collapse in 1918 brings a wealth of overprints, both official and unofficial, of strange cancellations and mixed frankings. There are margin and plate markings (quite unsystematic), reprints, and bisects; Mercenaries and revenues. There is a pneumatic mail service in Vienna and Prag, with its special stationery, plus an occasional entire with regular stamps which went through anyway.

All these fields, and many more,

have their specialists in the Austria Philatelic Society. Many articles on them appear in our "Bulletin", and many a meeting brings together material in some one of these special fields for intensive study. Isn't there something here you would like to know more about?

Perhaps you can find it in one of the articles on the issue of 1850, Markings of the Austrian Navy in World War I, Austrian Post Offices in the Levante, The Austrian Kinderdort and its Balloon Flights, the Vienna Provincials of 1945, Censorship of Mail in Austria 1945-53, or Bosnia-Herzegovina and Napoleon. All these and many more excellent articles have appeared in past issues of Austria Philatelic Society's Bulletin.

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243-44	.30	472	.04	681	.14	849	.13	B114	.06	B258-63	3.50
245	.10	473	.15	682	.45	850-56	.95	B115	.05	B264-65	.30
250	1.25	474	.05	683	.35	857-63	.35	B116	.08	B266	.30
251	.50	477-95	.90	684	.15	864	.10	B117-28	1.20	B267-72	1.95
252	.20	496	.18	685	.12	865-68	.35	B129	.10	B273-74	.35
255	.10	497	.06	686	.20	867-72	.35	B130	.05	B275	.15
256-57	1.15	498	.07	687	.22	868	.20	B131	.06	B276-81	2.50
262	1.20	499-502	.07	688-91	.35	878	.20	B132	.08	B282-83	.50
265	2.25	503	.05	692-92A	.20	874-77	.40	B133	.07	B283A	2.50
263	1.65	505-23A	.85	693	.14	879-82	.35	B134	.04	B284	.22
280	.40	524-47	.70	694-99	.30	883-86	.40	B135-16	.80	B285-90	2.75
291-93	1.90	548-52	.50	700-05	2.25	887	.09	B147-48	.25	B291-92	.35
295	.25	553-56	1.15	706	.35	888	.08	B149-52	.45	B292A	1.75
296-97	6.25	557-58	.06	711-15	1.40	891	.07	B149A	.50	B294-99	2.20
298	.25	558	.04	716	.14	892	.20	B153-57	2.00	B300-01	.25
299	1.45	560	.04	717	.15	893-94	.25	B153A	2.10	B302	.13
300	.85	561	.04	718	.17	895	.07	B158-60	.35	B303-08	.85
300A	1.95	562-65	.07	719-24	.18	896-903	.15	B159-60	.24	B309-10	.35
301	.90	566-67	.15	725	1.05	904	.07	B161-66	.70	B310A	1.25
303	.25	568-69	.12	727	.25	906	.10	B167-72	.85	B311	.12
304	.35	565	.11	728	.25	907-09	.20	B173	.08	B312-17	.65
305	.05	570	.25	729	.25	910-13	.50	B174	.06	B318-19	.25
306	.18	573	.35	728	.25	910-13	.50	B175-77	.45	B320	.12
308	.55	574	.35	730	.20	914	.08	B178	.07	B321-26	.85
309-10	.65	577	.35	731	1.05	915-18	.40	B179-84	.55	B327-28	.25
311-12	1.75	581-84	.30	732	.18	920-23	.45	B183-66	.30	B329	.12
313-14	.70	585	.07	733	.18	922	.14	B190	.05	B330-35	.80
321	.31	588	.08	740	.45	925	.10	B191	.05		
322	.40	587	.07	741	.55	926	.12	B192	.05		
323	.15	588	.04	751-56	.35	927	.10	B193	.04	101	.25
324	.10	589	.33	757-62	1.00			B194	.05	102-04	.30
325-26	.50	590	.35	763	.20	B1-2	5.50	B195	.05	105-06	.30
326A	.65	591-93	.60	764	.12	B11-14	2.75	B196	.05		
327-28	.45	594-602	.30	766	.13	B16-22	.95	B197-200	.20	AIR MAIL	1.40
330	.25	603	.12	767	.12	B16-23	5.50	B201	.04	C5-6	.50
330-31	.17	604	.06	766	.13	B24-26	.55	B203	.07	C6A	1.75
333	.06	605-06	.35	767	.12	B26-30	1.60	B204	.05	C6B	1.25
334	.07	607	.08	768	.28	B31-33	4.20	B205	.05	C8-13	3.75
335-40	.45	608-09	.10	769	.28	B38	5.70	B206	.05	C16	.35
341	.08	610	.10	770	.13	B44-45	.60	B207-12	.55	C18-21	2.75
342	.09	611	.80	772	.52	B46	.20	B213-17	.45	C21	.95
343	.05	612-65	.25	773	.18	B47	.30	B218	.06	C22	3.95
342-47	1.85	616-26	.25	774-79	.20	B48-53	2.10	B219	.69	C23-27	12.50
348	2.65	621	.18	781	.12	B54-59	1.35	B220	.09	C28	.75
349	.45	622	.20	782-85	.12	B60-62	.45	B221	.06	C29-35	8.50
350	.30	623	1.00	787	.13	B63	.20	B222	.08	C33	.95
351	.08	624	1.25	788	.13	B67	.45	B224-31	1.00	C34	1.25
352	.06	625-28	.15	789	.25	B64-65	.25	B232	.07	C35	1.75
353-69	.50	630	.10	790-93	.75	B68-69	.55	B237	.15	C36	3.25
371	.09	633	.35	794	.11	B70	1.10	B233-36	.30	CB1-3	1.30
372-73	.30	634-36	.30	795	.25	B71-72	.60	B238-43	.25		
374	.30	637-39	.35	796	.12	B74	.40	B247-47	.50		
375-87	.40	640	.10	797	.12	B75	.50	B248	.35		
388	.18	641-42	.28	798	.25	B76	.35	B249-54	3.95		
389	.08	643	.14	799	.12	B77	.25				
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391	.10	645	.13	800	.12	B79	.25				
392	.12	646	.13	801-04	1.05	B80	.25				
393	.13	647	.35	805-08	.85	B81	.20				
394	.10	648	.35	807-09	.45	B82	.18				
395	.08	649	.35	810	.28	B83	.23				
396	.40	650-54	.15	811-16	.80	B84	.14				
396A	.75	655	.15	817	.28	B85	.35				
397-414	1.40	656	.15	818	.20	B86-89A	.85				
415-18	.30	657	.23	819	.13	B90-1	.10				
419	.05	658	.35	820	.45	B92	.35				
421	.10	659-63	.13	821-24	.06	B93	.25				
420-23	.40	664	.35	825	.06	B94-95	.20				
424	.45	665	.15	826-30	.06	B96	.30				
427-51	.35	666-68	.35	831	.06	B97	.25				
452	.05	669	.25	832	.06	B98	.20				
453	.06	670	.30	833A	.05	B99	.30				
454	.06	671-72	.35	833-34	.40	B100-02	.10				
455-58	.07	673	.18	836	.06	B101-02	.30				
459	.08	674	.35	837-39	.65	B103	.08				
460-63	.55	675	.35	840-44	.60	B104-07	.50				
464	.07	676	.35	845	.12	B108-09	.08				
465	.18	677	.35			B110	.20				
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27	B111	.05	B255-56	.30
28	B112-13	.18	B257	.25
29	B114	.06	B258-63	3.50
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41	B149-52	.45	B292A	1.75
42	B149A	.50	B294-99	2.20
43	B153-57	2.00	B300-01	.25
44	B153A	2.10	B302	.13
45	B158-60	.35	B303-08	.85
46	B159-60	.24	B309-10	.35
47	B161-66	.70	B310A	1.25
48	B167-72	.85	B311	.12
49	B173	.08	B312-17	.65
50	B174	.06	B318-19	.25
51	B175-77	.45	B320	.12
52	B178	.07	B321-26	.85
53	B179-84	.55	B327-28	.25
54	B183-66	.30	B329	.12
55	B190	.05	B330-35	.80
56	B191	.05		
57	B192	.05		
58	B193	.04	101	.25
59	B194	.05	102-04	.30
60	B195	.05	105-06	.30
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62	B197-200	.20	AIR MAIL	1.40
63	B201	.04	C5-6	.50
64	B203	.07	C6A	1.75
65	B204	.05	C6B	1.25
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126	C23-27	12.50		
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In 1846 the company received the exclusive rights to trade on the Danube until 1880. It was obliged to transport Austrian and Hungarian mail free of charge.

Although there existed along the lower Danube various postal systems maintained by foreign powers, the agents of the company received letters for transportation and delivery against a fee.

Such letters prior to the issue of stamps in 1866 are interesting. Most of them bear either a town cancellation or a ship marking. What the fee was for which each letter transported has not been ascertained. It can be assumed that it was either 15 or 17 kreuzer.

In April 1866 the concern announced that it would issue stamps at all agencies for the franking of letters. Only franked letters were to be accepted by the agents and the captains of the boat and the fee for 1 loth (1/2 ounce) was to be 17 kreuzer. The stamps were to be available as of May 1, 1866.

The company's boats not only touched all towns along the Danube within the Empire, Serbia, and the lower Danube, but also went as far as Odessa in the north and Constantinople in the south, making other points on the way. Prior to 1866 the concern had turned over the service for various Black Sea ports to the Austrian Lloyd.

The design of the stamps consist of two ovals of two lines each. Between the ovals is the inscription of

the firm's name in German: "Erste k.k.pr. Donau Dampfschiffahrt-Gesellschaft", which literally translated is: "First Imperial Royal Privileged Danube Steam Navigation Co." (abbreviated D.D.S.G.).

Within the smaller, inner oval is the denomination figure 17 (or 10) surrounded by a wavy wreath and accompanied to the right and to the left by an anchor, the background being solid.

Outside the larger, outer oval is a background of fine wavy lines which are irregularly interrupted by white and colored dots.

All in all, there were seven issues of the D.D.S.G.: The first issue of April-May 1866 is a 17kr. value in bright red, perf 12, while the second is the same stamp, but perf 9 1/2, issued in 1867.

The third issue is a 10kr. lilac of 1866-1867, while the fourth is a 10kr. green, released in 1868. The fifth item, also a 10kr., appeared in 1870, with the sixth one—same value but now green—issued in 1871.

These first six were made from the same die. The seventh issue, a 10kr. green issued 1878, is from a new die. Whilst the basic design is the same, it has been completely redrawn. Details will be explained in a later section.

The paper of issues one to five inclusive is hard and thin, the gum thin and yellowish. That of the sixth and seventh issues is a softer wove paper, thicker than for the earlier five; the gum is thin and mostly white.

Used stamps of the first and second issues are frequent, both loose and on cover. The frequency of both is about the same. Mint copies with full or nearly full gum are great rarities. Most unused stamps have been used and escaped cancellation. Multiples of the mint stamps are

unknown. On cover and on piece, horizontal and vertical pairs of the first and second issue are known. On cover they are rare.

The third issue, 10kr. lilac, is not seen often, either loose or on cover. Good covers are scarce. In mint condition the stamp is scarce. Mint multiples are known as are pairs on cover and on piece. All are rare.

The fourth variety is found frequently, both used and on cover. It had a long usage at a time when the volume of correspondence was constantly rising. Mint stamps of this issue are rather scarce; multiples of them are known and are scarce to rare.

Pairs on cover or piece are scarce. One strip of three on cover is (Continued on page 13)

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326-339	7.00	—	568	30	24	B3-7	45	40	B272-276	2.80	—
340-353	9.00	—	569	60	60	B11-29	1.35	1.35	B277	2.80	—
354-371	6.00	—	570	30	25	B30-49	1.00	1.20	B278	70	75
372	03	—	571-577	30	—	R50-56	2.85	2.85	B279	1.00	1.00
378-379	4.25	4.25	578	25	12	B57-65	3.40	3.40	B280	55	55
380	60.00	54.00	579	30	20	B66-70	3.70	3.70	B281	22	22
381	09	08	580	35	20	B71-76	8.80	8.80	B281-285	65	65
382-384	35	35	581	35	28	B77-80	3.00	3.00	B286	20	20
385-387	35	35	582	25	15	B81-86	5.85	6.25	B287	07	06
388-389	09	06	583	120	65	B87-92	27.50	25.25	B288-293	55	58
394-397	1.20	—	584-586	58	35	B93-98	7.25	—	B294	30	28
405-423	2.85	—	587	30	15	B99	1.75	1.80	B295	14	14
432-454	20	—	588	40	35	B100-105	11.50	—	B296	20	20
455-481	75	—	589	28	18	B106-109	29.50	26.00	B297	18	18
482	07	06	590	20	13	B110	12.50	12.50	B298	16	16
483-488	20	—	591	28	13	B110A	22.50	22.50	B299	30	34
489-491	08	06	592	28	13	B111	124.50	116.00	B300	30	34
492-493	04	04	593	18	10	B112-117	16.00	15.50	C1-3 (White)	1.25	—
495	04	03	594	28	15	B118-121	3.00	2.90	C1-3 (Grey)	1.70	—
500-515	1.50	—	595	28	12	B122-127	7.00	7.00	C4-11	1.50	1.65
516	06	05	596	18	10	B128-131	2.90	2.75	C12-31	12.50	11.25
517	09	05	597	20	12	B132-137	7.00	6.90	C32-46	11.75	11.25
518-533	4.45	—	598	20	10	B138-141	6.50	6.50	C47-53	85	85
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546	60	55	615	12	09	B189-198	1.40	1.40	1N18-1N33	1.00	
547	60	60	616	12	09	B199-206	50	50	Austria		
548-561	2.80	—	617	12	09	B207	03	03	M22-M48	56.20	mint 56.20
562	30	30	618	08	—	B208-217	45	45			
563	28	18	619	10	10	B218-223	18	18			
564	40	30	620	12	09	B224	10	10			
565	15	15	621	12	09	B225-234	60	60			
566	20	10	622	05	—	B235-244	60	60			
			623	24	15	B245-251	2.75	2.75			
			624	08	—	B252-259	1.20	1.20			
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DANUBE STEAMSHIP (Continued from page 12)

known to be in an European collection.

The fifth release, the 10kr. red is scarce used, more so on cover. Moens called this issue an error in color. It may be possible that the color was purposely chosen in order to demonstrate better the worn condition of the stone which appears more dramatically in red color than in the earlier green.

This item had a very short duration of about eight to nine months, and it can be assumed that the printing was small. It is therefore scarce in used condition, and rare in mint condition. Mint multiples are unknown; pairs on cover are known and very rare.

The sixth type is very similar to the fourth one. It is equally if not more common, having had the longest use of all. It was issued in several printings from the same stones, differing only in shades of color.

The stone from which this issue was printed was the last one taken from die number one. It had already worn considerably, and the stamps of this issue give a badly printed, smudged impression in contrast to the fourth issue which almost always is very clearly printed.

The stamps both on and off cover are the most common ones. Mint copies are not frequent, but not at all rare. Mint multiples are known; they are scarce. Pairs used on cover or on piece are scarce.

The seventh issue was made from a new die. It differs from the old one in the size of the ovals, which are now slightly shorter but higher, and by the inscription.

The criterion easiest to distinguish is the shape of the "F's". In the former issues all are with square heads, but in the seventh they have round heads.

This issue was in use about one and a half years. Although this is much longer than the duration of the fifth issue, stamp, this seventh variety is nevertheless much the scarcer.

It had two distinct printings easily distinguished by the shade of green, the lighter one being the first printing. Used stamps of the first printing are more frequent than of the second one, but mint stamps of the first one are rare, of the second one frequent.

Used on cover this issue is rare. Used pairs are known and are very rare. Mint multiples of the second issue are frequent; of the first issue scarce.

The arrangement with the Austrian-Hungarian Postal Authorities which subsequently was incorporated into international treaties permitted the D.D.S.G. to transport mail against a fee between any points on the lower Danube, and parts of the Black Sea. It also enabled the company to accept mail for destinations in Austria and Hungary.

Such letters, however, had to be delivered to the government post offices on the border in Basiash and Alt-Orsova, and were supposed to be franked with Austrian or Hungarian stamps for the inland letter rate in addition to the stamps of the D.D.S.G.

Such mixed frankings of letters with D.D.S.G. and Austrian or Hungarian stamps are scarce; the senders generally left it to the addressees to pay the inland rate.

Many letters exist addressed to Vienna or Pest (Budapest) which had been delivered to one of the border post offices without the inland franking. They were forwarded to the addressees and charged with postage due, usually double the inland postage.

As the Balkan states gained recognition and became members of the International Postal Union of Berne they collected delivery fees in a similar manner. The amount of postage due to be collected was almost always marked on the face of the cover in ink or red or blue pencil.

Such markings are known from Austria, Hungary, Roumania, and Turkey. The writer has never seen any from Bulgaria or Serbia. The study of these markings is one of the many interesting phases of this postal system.

In several cases letters addressed to Vienna or Pest were not carried by the boat to the border, but were handed over to the nearest Austrian Levante Post Office, f.i. Rustzuk, which then transported them overland to their destination. For such letters double the foreign rate was collected as postage due.

There existed a close cooperation between the D.D.S.G. and the Austrian Government Post Offices on the Balkan of which the above is

one example. The D.D.S.G. delivered also telegrams to places which the telegraph did not reach. D.D.S.G. collected a fee for this service, having received the telegrams from the Consular Post Offices.

All letters with mixed frankings are scarce; some very rare. Letters of the first period 1866-1875 with additional inland frankings are more frequent than those of the later period. Mixed frankings with the Type II are very rare.

Austrian inland postage is more frequent than Hungarian. There exists a letter bearing a pair of the 10kr. green Type II and a pair of the 5kr. Hungary Scott No. 15. It is probably one of the rarest of all covers.

The cancellations of the D.D.S.G. are another very interesting study. They can be grouped in varieties with town names and the word "Agentie", town names with day and month, town names with day month and year, town names only, ship cancellations, "Reise" cancellations, date (day and month) only, and special cancellations.

At various times a total of about 50 landing places had cancellation devices. The company had 23 ships each of which had its own cancellation with the ship's name and a number.

There were four "Reise" cancellations and about a half-dozen specials. All of these together afford a very wide scope for a most interesting collection and study.

The ship cancellations are very desirable; they are not scarce but can be regarded as the better ones. The "Reise" cancellations are much less frequent. "Agentie" and town cancels are the frequent ones. The special cancellations on stamps are

scarce.

In the early years of the stamp issues the then existing cancellers originated exclusively from markings on bills of lading. Only in later years have they assumed the form, shape and inscription of regular postmarks.

Documentary evidence pertaining to the issues of the D.D.S.G. is very meager. The printer of the stamps, at least those of the issues one to six is known. It was the printing establishment of H. Engel & Sohn, Vienna II.

Dates and sizes of the issues are not known. They can be judged only by known dates of early and late uses on letters and by the frequency of the stamp and cover material.

An exchange of correspondence took place between the Ministry of Post and Telegraph in Vienna and the D.D.S.G. regarding the rates. Literature about the D.D.S.G. is not abundant. Edwin Mueller and others wrote articles published in the "Postmarke" 1923, 1924, 1932.

An excellent book which comprises the then known history and facts is written by E. F. Hurt and Denwood N. Kelly, A.P.S. Publication. Aside from these and some articles in other publications not mentioned, no other studies exist.

The only sources of information are therefore the covers and stamps themselves which through careful study will reveal a wealth of information needed to complete the knowledge of the activities of this great enterprise.

Scott's and other important catalogs do not list these stamps. In the writer's opinion it is not justified that the D.D.S.G., having obtained contractual rights and obligations of postal services from a recognized

government for a defined territory, should lack recognition which is granted to other similar cases, such as Thurn and Taxis and others.

To call these stamps "Locals" is a misnomer which completely disregards their origin and the complexity and extent of the service which they represent. The D.D.S.G. has given complete postal service in a territory where otherwise none would have been available.

The material available gives opportunities for the most interesting studies and for research which will assure the rightful place in philately to the Stamps of the Danube Steamship Co.

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1954 do.	60	42
1954 R. Visit (3)	53	46
1953 Tasman (4)	56	56
1953 Coronation (3)	53	46
1951 Fedn. (4)	47	36
1949 Arms 5/-	62	55
do. 10/-	125	20
do. F1	250	35
do. F2	500	75
1940 Forces (4)	128	55
1937 Robes 5/-	78	28
do. 10/-	140	90
do. F1	280	195
1937 Cove (3)	120	82
1936 S. Aus. (3)	92	42
1936 Cadets (2)	25	10
1935 Jubilee (2)	227	189
1935 Anzac (2)	157	142
1934 Mac (3)	167	150
1934 Vic (3)	145	100
1931 K. Smith (2)	35	33

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15-16	1.00	4.40	6.60	85	1.15
17-18	1.20	5.30	7.95	85	1.15
19-20	45	2.00	3.00	38	.65
21-22	45	2.00	3.00	38	.65
23-24	55	2.40	3.60	50	.75
25-26	65	3.00	4.50	50	.75
27-28	70	3.10	4.65	50	.75
29-30	75	3.20	4.80	50	.75
31-32	45	2.00	3.00	40	.60
33-34	65	3.00	4.50	50	.75
35-37	70	3.10	4.65	60	.85
38	12.90			8.50	8.50
39-44 ea. set	40	1.80	2.70	38	.60
45-46	20	.90	1.35	20	.40
47-52 ea. set	14	.65	.98	14	.35
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73; Once Headed APSRollin E. Flower, 73, philatelist
and former editor and publisher,
died December 13 at his home in
Kenmore, N. Y. after a heart attack.His interest in stamps went back
to his boyhood days in La Moille, Ill.
After he went to the Buffalo area
in 1919 he continued his interest in
stamps.He became a member of the Buf-
falo Stamp Club and later its presi-
dent and, after that, an honorary
life member. He belonged to the
American Philatelic Society and
served as its president from 1939 to
1943.From 1935 to 1940 he wrote a
weekly stamp column for The Buf-
falo Evening News.He is survived by his wife, a son,
Rollin E. II; a brother, and a sister.PONY EXPRESS
(Continued from page 1)and the Pony Express adhesive
scheduled for first day sale at Sacra-
mento, will both be of the same
design.Collectors desiring first day can-
cellations on the new envelope may
send orders to the postmaster, St.
Joseph, Mo., plainly indicating the
name and address of the recipient,
with remittances to cover the cost
at 5c per envelope. Addressed
gummed labels may be submitted
to be affixed to the envelopes. The
outside envelope to the postmaster
should be marked "First Day Covers
4c Pony Express Envelope".The design of the centennial adhe-
sive and the stamped envelope will
be announced shortly by the Post-
master General, together with in-
structions for securing first day cov-
ers bearing the stamp.Both Pony Express philatelic items
will go on sale all over the nation on
July 20, the day after their respec-
tive first day sales at St. Joseph
and Sacramento. The stamp will be
sold only at Sacramento and the en-
velope only at St. Joseph on the day
of release.The July 19 date was selected on
the basis of official recommenda-
tions of most of the states through
which the Pony Express ran. It will
provide more opportunities for school
children, vacationers and many other
groups to participate in the cele-
brations commemorating the pioneer-
ing traditions of the Pony Express.
Moreover, it is a date when weather
conditions will permit many com-
munities to hold local celebrations
in connection with the Centennial.
The eight states through which the
Pony Express ran are Missouri, Kan-
sas, Nebraska, Wyoming, Colorado,
Utah, Nevada, and California. Cele-
brations of the Pony Express by var-
ious groups will center in these
states, but Centennial activities will
be national in scope. Many other
ceremonies and historical events are
planned during the Centennial year,
including events next April 3 mark-
ing the historical start of the Pony
Express.One highlight of the year will be
a scheduled reenactment of the Pony
Express runs starting out from both
St. Joseph and Sacramento simul-
taneously next July 19, at the height
of the vacation season in the West.
This event is sponsored by the Na-
tional Pony Express Centennial Assn.The Pony Express carried letters
over the 1966-mile route between St.
Joseph and Sacramento in an av-
erage of about 10 days. The service
lasted until October 1861, when the
telegraph was completed across the
nation.Operated privately by three Amer-
ican transportation pioneers—Wil-
liam H. Russell, Alexander Majors,
and William Bradford Waddell—thePony Express provided a vitally
needed faster mail service during
the opening months of the Civil War.
Lincoln's inaugural address was car-
ried across country in little more
than a week in March 1861, for ex-
ample, whereas it would have re-
quired several weeks if the Pony
Express had not been in operation.PMG Summerfield also announced
that a 4c commemorative multicol-
or stamp noting the 100th anniver-
sary of the Boys' Clubs of America
will be issued in 1960 with an initial
printing order of 120,000,000.The Boys' Club movement began
in the 1860's when public spirited
citizens in Hartford, Conn. estab-
lished facilities and activities to
provide boys from lower income
families with opportunities for con-
structive use of leisure time. The
movement spread to other communi-
ties as the effectiveness of the Boys'
Club philosophy and methods be-
came more widely recognized.In 1906, some 50 existing groups
joined together to form the nation-
al organization to service the clubs
and to assist interested communi-
ties in establishing new units. In
spite of limited funds and little pub-
licity and promotion, the movement
spread steadily, and was chartered
by the Congress in 1956.There are now 542 Boys' Clubs
serving more than a half-million
boys. A new club is being establish-
ed every two weeks, and Boys'
Club alumni are estimated at more
than ten million."The Boys' Clubs of America
stress the theme 'Build Juvenile De-
cency'." Postmaster General Sum-
merfield said, "and the dedicated
laymen and the national organiza-
tions who have assisted and sup-
ported the movement deserve the
respect and gratitude of all the Na-
tion.""The non-sectarian Clubs are open
every week-day afternoon and ev-
ening to all boys. They provide recre-
ation, guidance and encouragement
to meet varying needs, so that skills
are developed and attitudes are
formed and fostered towards right
and wrong, the rights of others, re-
ligion and our kind of government.
The individual attention given to
each boy has proved to be especially
helpful to youngsters who may be indanger of acquiring wrong behavior
patterns."It is significant that the Boys'
Clubs of America, one of the first
organizations to stress the use of the
term 'juvenile delinquency', has con-
tributed so much to build juvenile
decency during a century of service
to every boy who has entered their
doors," Mr. Summerfield concluded.The stamp will be placed on first
day sale in New York City shortly
after the middle of 1960. At that
time the Boys' Clubs of America
plan to move into their first perma-
nent national headquarters, "The
Herbert Hoover Building", named
for former President Hoover in hon-
or of his 24 years of service as
chairman of the board of the organi-zation. The stamp's design, colors,
and date of first day sale will be
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1-6	Coins	3.50	15.50	.30	1.40	91	Teachers	.17	.22	.10	.32
7-9	Coins	Prices On Request				92	Parachutists	.08	.23	.06	.30
1-3	Coins Roul	2.40	22.00	.82	—	93	Independ.	.10	.25	.10	.35
10-14	Festival	3.95	12.50	3.00	3.25	94-9	Y. Aliyah	.55	.65	.39	.75
10-14	teie-beche	12.61	—	—	—	100-3	Festival	.26	.30	.16	.30
15	Flag	.50	2.75	.26	.40	104	R. M. David	.10	.12	.05	.20
17-21	23 Coins	1.20	4.25	.32	—	105-16	12 Tribes	.66	.70	.14	1.17
22	P. Tikva	4.75	7.75	.35	2.50	117	Einstein	.25	.30	.19	.45
24	University	.25	1.10	.10	2.25	118	Technion	.22	.23	.16	.36
26	Jerusalem	.60	1.95	.45	2.95	119	Independ.	.10	.12	.08	.25
27	Negev	2.20	5.75	2.00	—	120	Citrus Cong.	.18	.20	.08	.30
28-30	Festival	3.30	24.00	2.75	—	121-3	Festival	.15	.18	.11	.30
31-2	UPU	.75	3.00	.65	1.95	124-6	Def. Series	.42	.55	.33	1.50
33-4	Independ.	4.35	24.00	2.85	—	127	Bezalel	.24	.24	.03	.32
35-6	Festival	.45	2.95	.23	.49	128	Independ.	.15	.15	.08	.19
37	Maccabi	1.95	5.50	1.10	2.25	129-31	Festival	.28	.30	.12	.26
38-43	Coins	.12	.30	.04	—	132	Tabil Sht.	.58	.58	.35	.45
44	Tei Aviv	.39	1.17	.18	.38	133-6	Coins	.16	.20	.18	—
45	Bonds	.15	.67	.14	.39	137	Maccabiah	.29	.31	.19	.39
46-7	Independ.	.48	1.80	.28	.50	138-41	Shipping	.65	.69	.62	.70
48-50	KKL	.80	6.44	.70	.95	142	Independ.	.28	.30	.22	.40
51	Heral	.17	.71	.17	.35	143	Children	.15	.15	.12	.18
52-4	Festival	.13	.43	.12	.31	144	Exposition	.28	.30	.23	.33
55	Menorah	4.60	10.75	3.35	4.85	145-8	Festival	.36	.40	.21	.45
56-61	Coins	.25	.50	.08	.85	149	Human Rts.	.47	.50	.45	.70
62-4	Independ.	.45	1.04	.39	.49	150-3	Post. Activ.	.57	.57	.26	.70
65	ZOA	.38	.85	.30	.52	154	S. Aleichem	.16	.16	.16	.23
66-9	Festival	.70	1.10	.58	1.10	157-9	Flowers	.33	.33	.33	.35
70-1	Welman	.39	.90	.30	.44	160	Tei Aviv	.08	.08	.08	.12
72	Blau	.21	.78	.21	.34		Civil Aviat.	.34	.34	.34	.35
73	Independ.	.23	.80	.22	.28		Blauk	.16	.16	.16	.23
74	Malmoides	.14	.40	.13	.40		1959 Fest.	.38	.38	.38	.41
75-7	Festival	.23	.45	.14	.47	C1-8	First Airs	4.75	12.00	4.50	—
78	Maccabiah	.19	.78	.14	.50	C7-8	Taba Airs	.90	1.49	.73	.96
79	Desert Exh.	.25	.78	.18	.42	C9-14	Airs 1954	.75	1.19	.38	1.70
80-3	Coins	.26	.40	.10	.50	C15	1000pr Air	2.14	5.75	1.35	3.50
84-5	Independ.	.27	.38	.15	.48	C16	Lake Hula	.44	.50	.24	.90
86	Herzl	.10	.14	.04	.44	C17	Tiberias	1.75	1.85	1.15	2.10
87	Festival	.02	.05	.02	.13	J1-5	First Dues	33.00	75.40	28.60	—
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Liberia, Lincoln sou. sheet	1	.72
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773 3c Cal. Pacific	45	32 .08 .04
774 3c Boulder Dam	40	32 .08 .04
775 3c Michigan Cent.	40	32 .08 .04
776 3c Texas Cent.	35	32 .08 .04
777 3c Rhode Island	45	32 .08 .04
782 3c Arkansas Cent.	35	32 .08 .04
783 3c Oregon Ter.	35	32 .08 .04
784 3c Suffr. Women	30	25 .06 .03
785 1c Army green	20	15 .04 .03
786 2c Army carm.	25	20 .05 .03
787 3c Army purple	35	30 .07 .07
788 4c Army gray	120	45 .12 .10
789 5c Army Ultra	100	55 .14 .10
790 1c Navy green	20	15 .04 .03
791 2c Navy carm.	25	20 .05 .03
792 3c Navy purple	35	30 .07 .07
793 4c Navy gray	100	45 .12 .10
794 5c Navy Ultra	100	55 .14 .10
795 3c Northwest Ord.	35	30 .08 .04
796 5c V. Dare	175	100 .25 .15
797 10c S.P.A. Convent	30	30 .08 .04
798 3c Constitut. Seq.	35	30 .08 .04
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The second in the proposed series of six American "Credo" stamps will feature a maxim and the autograph of Benjamin Franklin, along with a symbolic dove in an olive wreath. It will be Giori printed in brown and green, 50 stamps per pane in a quantity of 120,000,000. Frank P. Conley, creator of the 1958 James Monroe commemorative and of the basic motif for all six of the "Credo" series, developed this design.

Pan Am 10c Air February 1; Second "Credo" With Franklin Due March 23 At Philadelphia

The design of the 10c airmail stamp to be released February 1, marking the Eleventh Inter-American Conference of American States will feature the relative inscriptions in rococo frame, according to Postmaster General Arthur E. Summerfield. This stamp was designed by Robert Geissmann of New York who also designed the Flushing Remonstrance commemorative of 1957. It will be first placed on sale at Washington, D. C.

Featuring the design, in pure script, will be the wording "Inter American Conference" with the location "Quito" and "Ecuador" in Roman lettering within pennant-like lines. The word "ELEVENTH" indicating the particular conference, appears above the script.

Interwoven into the scrollwork at the sides of the design is a ribbon at the top of which is the wording "Organization of American States" in small Roman lettering. The denomination "10c" appears within a dark flat oval in the lower center portion of the design, with "U.S." to the left, and "AIR MAIL" to the right.

Printing will be in blue on the Cottrell rotary presses, electric-eye perforated, and issued in panes of 50 subjects. An initial printing of 60,000,000 has been ordered.

Robert Geissmann is a native Ohioan, and received his education and experience there. He was a recipient of the Governor's award for promoting Ohio's prestige throughout the nation and the Air Force Distinguished Service Award for his assistance in establishing a worldwide art program recording Air Force activities.

Mr. Geissmann is a member of the Society of Illustrators, and was President from 1953 to 1955. He is also a member of the Water Color Society, and has exhibited and received awards in many graphic art shows.

Collectors desiring first day cancellations of the 10c Inter-American Conference commemorative airmail stamp may send addressed envelopes, together with remittances to cover the cost of the stamps to be affixed, to the postmaster, Washington 13, D. C.

A close-fitting enclosure of postal card thickness should be placed in each envelope and the flap either turned in or sealed. Envelopes submitted should be of ordinary letter size and each must be properly addressed.

An envelope must not be sent for the return of first day covers. The outside envelope to the postmaster at Washington, D. C. should be clearly endorsed "First Day Covers 10c Inter-American Conference Stamp". Orders for covers must not include requests for uncanceled stamps.

PMG Summerfield, in announcing details of the new adhesive, noted that this marks the first time the United States has issued a special stamp for an event being held on foreign soil.

He further observed that "... 1960 will also mark the 50th anniversary of the dedication of the Pan American Union Building, which has since that time been the seat of the Secretariat of the Organization of American States.

"The United States has been a staunch supporter of the hemisphere's regional organization from its inception, believing that the Organization of American States embodies the spirit and aspirations of the peoples of the Americas and can serve the hemisphere as a genuinely effective instrument of cooperation," he continued.

"This has been a significant year in the history of the Organization," he emphasized.

The second of the American "Credo" stamps, featuring Benjamin Franklin's notable statement, "Fear to do ill, and you need fear nought

else", will be first placed on sale in Philadelphia, Pa. March 23, the PMG added.

In announcing this second stamp in a series of six he expressed his satisfaction in the fact that Franklin, so closely identified with the Post Office Department and one of the sages of all Americans, should be second only to George Washington in the chronological issuance of this series. Other notable Americans to be represented are Thomas Jefferson, Francis Scott Key, Patrick Henry, and Abraham Lincoln.

The Franklin "Credo" design will be essentially the same as that already announced for Washington, which is to be first placed on sale January 20 at Mt. Vernon, Va. The message, a facsimile of Franklin's autograph and a new symbolic device—a dove within an olive wreath—will be featured in the center.

Frank P. Conley, previously responsible for the 3c James Monroe Bicentennial commemorative of 1958, prepared the basic design for all six "Credo" stamps. Each carries a message in a manner and design of style and type used in our Colonial currency. In the case of the Franklin "Credo" the denomination in the upper left corner will be in solid rather than open type.

Printing of this second "Credo" stamp will be in brown and green on white, on the Giori press. The initial printing order calls for 120,000,000 in panes of 50, with L-type perforations.

Collectors desiring first-day cancellations of the 4c Benjamin Franklin "Credo" stamp may send addressed envelopes, together with remittances to cover the cost of the stamps to be affixed, to the postmaster, Philadelphia 4, Pa. A close

Envelopes submitted should be of ordinary letter size and each must be properly addressed. An envelope must not be sent for the return of first day covers, and orders for covers must not include requests for uncanceled stamps. The outside envelope to the Postmaster should be endorsed "First Day Covers 4c Franklin 'Credo' Stamp".

New HPO's Link Iowa, South Dakota Cities

Effective January 11 Highway Post Office Service will be established between Sioux City, Iowa, and Winner, S. D. This route will be known as the Sioux City and Winner HPO, the Post Office department has announced.

Effective January 11 HPO service will also be established between Watertown, S. D. and Sioux City, Iowa. This route will be known as the Watertown & Sioux City HPO. An inaugural trip of this route will be made December 28 between Sioux Falls and Watertown. Sioux Falls will be an en-route stop on the Sioux City-Watertown run.

Collectors desiring covers carried on the December 28 run should send their requests to the postmasters at Sioux Falls, Iowa, and Watertown, South Dakota.

Egyptian Program Lists Nine Issues

The Stamp Advisory Committee of Egypt met recently in Cairo and approved special stamps to be issued during 1960. They will mark several events of national and international significance, according to Ernest A. Kehr of the Stamp Information Bureau, New York City:

1 — a 10 mills stamp for "Post Day", January 2.

2 — 5 and 35m. values sometime in January to mark the inauguration of the High Dam at Asswan.

3 — a 10m. for the inauguration of the Asswan Dam hydroelectric power station.

4 — Another 10m. for the Industrial and Agricultural Production Fair, on February 1.

5 — One more 10m., for the second anniversary of the Proclamation of the UAR and the opening of the National Assembly.

6 — A set of 10, 15 and 35m. values for the opening of the Arab League Center, on March 22, if the building is completed by then.

7 — A 10 and 35m. pair for the International Refugee Year, on April 7.

8 — A set of several stamps plus a souvenir sheet for the eighth anniversary of the revolution, on July 23. These will feature sports subjects.

9 — 10 and 35m. adhesives for the 15th anniversary of the United Nations, UN Day October 24.

As will be noted, the face value of all stamps is purposely kept low, in accordance with the policy announced that all UAR-Egyptian stamps may be within the reach of even youngsters with limited budgets. Orders may be submitted to the Philatelic Services, GPO, Cairo, where all stamps may be obtained at face value.

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RISE TO POWER

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eastern Hungary, prevented the Austrian troops from firmly establishing themselves there and making a stand against the Turks.

Though in principle also hostile toward the Turks, the Transylvanian princes were often willing to call on Turkish help in their feuds with the Austrians. This in turn frequently provided the Ottomans with a welcome excuse to break the peace and resume their efforts to penetrate into the heart of Europe.

The remainder of that century was marked by successes and reverses for both sides with neither attaining a permanent victory. Even the brilliant naval victory at the battle of Lepanto in 1571, in which a scion of the House of Habsburg, Don Juan of Austria, decisively defeated the Turkish fleet, did little to change the over-all picture.

The close of the eventful 16th century found Austria once more in dire straits. Temporary victories during which the Austrians even captured Ofen for a time, were negated due to the harshness and lack of understanding of Austrian authorities present in Hungary and the consequent Hungarian opposition.

Transylvania also once again chose to ally itself with Turkey. Her new ruler, Prince Stephan Bocskay, led successful attacks on Austria, even threatening Vienna.

The situation was further aggravated by the steadily increasing eccentricity of the Emperor Rudolph II. He, having withdrawn to his castle in Prague, completely neglected affairs of state, in favor of his scientific and artistic studies and his art collection. Not until he was finally persuaded to hand over the war command to his brother Mathias, did peace come in sight.

The treaty of Vienna, signed in 1606, at last made possible an agreement with the Hungarians, by granting them a large degree of autonomy and religious freedom. Peace was also made with the Transylvanian Prince, after the latter's official recognition as ruler of Transylvania.

Deprived of her allies and occupied by affairs in Persia, Turkey was now willing to come to terms with Austria, thus ushering in a period of relative peace lasting more than 50 years.

The next large-scale attack, occurring in 1663, was repulsed with the aid of the Pope, the German states and France. However, this time Turkey was not content to let the matter rest. Her ambitious prime minister, Kara Mustapha was determined to crush all opposition once and for all. His prime objective in order to achieve this was the capture of the Austrian capital and center of the empire, Vienna.

By the year 1683 preparations had been completed and the gigantic Turkish might rolled unopposed toward the west. However, Austria under the Emperor Leopold I had not been idle. Feverish diplomacy had managed to get the Pope, Venice and finally Poland on Austria's side.

Spain agreed to give financial help and at last most of the German states agreed to help. A notable exception was the German state of Brandenburg which, together with France proclaimed neutrality.

The defense of Vienna was taken over by Count Ernst Ruediger von Starhemberg, while Duke Charles of Lorraine was made Commander-in-Chief. His 33,000-man army, though, was pitifully small compared to that of the Ottomans. Unable to do battle, it continued the retreat back to Vienna.

On July 7 the emperor and his court left the city, while on July 16 the last imperial troop crossed the Danube toward the north. Left with only 12,000 defenders against a Turkish army of more than 200,000, Vienna prepared to withstand the siege that had started on July 14.

Now followed two months which, while two of the hardest and most terrible that the Austrian capital has ever had to endure, nevertheless mark what are probably Vienna's most heroic and bravest days. They were days of privation, hunger and disease. During this time

each citizen in his own way no less brave than the city's stalwart defender Count von Starhemberg, or heroic mayor Johann Andreas von Liebenberg, who did all in his power to help his people in their suffering.


On August 6 the fight for the inner defenses of the city began and by September 4, only the walls surrounding the heart of the city still stood. The plight of Vienna was now at its worst—but rescue was near.

On September 7, when hope of holding out had almost vanished, advance troops of the relief army sent signal rockets from the Kahlenberg near Vienna. The Turkish attack on the city that took place the next day was to be the last, for now Kara Mustapha's attention was drawn to the combined Austro-German-Polish relief army.


Though greatly outnumbered by the Turks, the allied armies under the supreme command of King John III Sobieski of Poland made good progress. On September 12 the great battle for the relief of Vienna began.

The day's close saw the Turks in wild and completely disorganized flight, leaving behind them vast treasures, weapons and stores. Not the least among them were sacks of coffee beans. Almost unknown up to that time, coffee was in this way introduced into Vienna and from there into western Europe, to become one of its most popular drinks.

When on that evening the victorious King of Poland prepared to take his rest in the tent of Kara Mustapha who was in full flight, Turkish power had received a fatal blow. Wars with Turkey would continue for many years to come, but never again would Austria—and with it Western Europe—have to fear conquest by the Ottomans.



Prince Eugene of Savoy.



John III Sobieski and Allies before Vienna.

No longer were the Turks the mighty unbeatable foe they had once been. In the year 1686 Ofen (Buda) was liberated and this event was commemorated by a Hungarian stamp issued 250 years later.

An Austrian victory at the battle of Mt. Harsan near Mohacs in 1687 opened the way to Transylvania. In 1691 this land was finally won and came under Austrian rule once and for all. The resulting renunciation by the last prince of Transylvania of his remaining powers and privileges made the Holy Roman Emperor—rather than the Sultan—master of Hungary.

In these wars there emerged a young army officer, who soon was to become general of the Austrian armies and one of the most outstanding military figures in that country's history. He was Prince Eugene of Savoy, honored by Austria on one of the stamps of her "heroes" set of 1935.

Prince Eugene's victory over the Turks at Zenta in 1697 marked the final crushing of the Turkish army. The resulting peace of Karlowitz not only ended the 14-year-long war with Turkey, but by giving all of Hungary and Transylvania except the Banat to Austria, it also pushed the Turks far enough toward the east to insure permanent safety to the Austrian lands.

This feeling of security had as its direct result a revival of trade and of the arts. Out of the ashes left behind by the retreating enemy, there arose a new style of architecture, the Austrian Baroque, which has left its characteristic imprint on Austrian cities to this day.

Victory did not prevent the war from flaring up again, but thanks to the genius of Prince Eugene, Austria was for the most part victorious. The rich Banat territory was obtained at the Peace of Passarowitz in 1718 and even though the important fortress-city of Belgrade, won at the same time, was lost 21 years later, Austria nevertheless retained numerous advantages.

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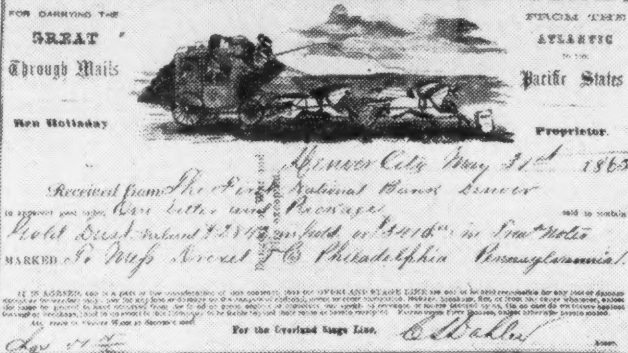
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The Pony Express Heroic Effort—Tragic End

Raymond W. Settle

PART V

During that period Wells Fargo's duties and responsibilities were identical with those of other agents elsewhere—in St. Louis and Chicago, for instance, where activities consisted of handling express and passenger business, Pony Express letters, and carrying out instructions as agents from the company.

Among these instructions was the reduction of Pony Express rates from \$5 to \$2 per ounce. Thus whatever praise is due anyone for this reduction must go not to the agent but to the Russell, Majors and Waddell Co., who alone had exclusive authority to make it.

The second reduction, on July 1, was made by act of Congress, with which the Overland Mail Co. and the Central Overland California & Pike's Peak Express Co. were obliged to conform. No more need be said on this particular point.

So far as the actual history of the Pony Express is concerned, and under normal historical circumstances, the reduction of rates in 1861 would be merely one of many minor points worthy of no more than brief mention. However, since the reduction has been made the basis for inflated claims and sweeping misstatements designed to elevate Wells Fargo to the detriment of the daring men, William H. Russell, Alexander Majors, and William B. Waddell, who founded, financed, and operated the Pony Express, a detailed analysis of the rate reductions is necessary here.

The question of why in April 1861, Wells Fargo Express Co. issued its first two adhesive franks, the so-called "Pony Express Stamps" with the likeness of a pony express rider upon them, when it had nothing of that kind of its own, is a rather intriguing one.

One answer could be for its use as agent, and the other that it was preparing to inaugurate a pony express on the 50-mile section between Sacramento and Placerville on July 1 when the Overland Mail Co. would take over the Western Division of the Central Route.

Without a doubt the starting of that line figured in the negotiations between Russell and Dinsmore, as did the arrangement with the Pioneer Stage Line prior to the passage of the overland mail bill by Congress. On June 26, 1861, Wells Fargo Co. advertised that beginning July 1 it would "run a pony express from San Francisco to Placerville on Wednesdays and Saturdays . . . connecting with the Overland Mail Co. Pony Express from Placerville to St. Joseph." (Ibid., June 26, 1861, and following issues; advertisement in the "San Francisco Alta California", June 2, 1861, and following issues).

The latter was, of course, the original Pony Express. In the meantime the Overland Mail Co. appointed Wells Fargo its agent in San Francisco. Just here it should be borne in mind that the management and operation of these pony express lines were two separate, unrelated functions.

Although the advertisements stated that the Wells Fargo line would run from San Francisco to Placerville, it was understood that letters from the former city would go to Sacramento by boat.

Philatelic journals indicate that on July 1 Wells Fargo Express Co. issued three new adhesive franks. These consisted of a \$1 red, a \$2 green, and a \$4 black, which complied with the rate stipulated in the

cluded Pony Express horses, stations, and other apparatus. E. S. Alvord was appointed general superintendent of the whole route, Hiram S. Rumfield was Overland Mail Co. agent at Salt Lake City, and H. Montfort, agent for the Pioneer Stage Line at Sacramento, filled the same office there. Fred K. Cook, assistant treasurer of the company, had his headquarters at Salt Lake City. (Contract between William H. Russell, William B. Dinsmore, and E. S. Alvord, March 16, 1861, MS. Copy in library of author, Rumfield, op. cit. Conkling, op. cit., II, 329n).

In southern California William Bulkley, superintendent of the Coast Route from Los Angeles to San Francisco, and his assistant, James G. Beggs, moved horses stage-coaches, and other equipment north to Placerville. (Ibid., II, 261, 328-29). Some of the old Overland Mail Co. employees went along, but most of the station keepers, stock tenders, and Pony Express riders in the employ of the Central Overland California & Pike's Peak Express Co. retained their jobs.

(To be continued)

Australia Planning Stamps In Multicolor

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However, in recent years there has been a pronounced trend towards the production of bicolored and multicolored stamps by the photogravure process and the practicability of producing Australian stamps by this means has been under consideration for some time.

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Fred Rafael

The airplane and balloon flights during the sieges of the fortress of Przemyśl must be considered outstanding achievements in the early chapters of Austrian aviation history, especially in view of the extremely primitive planes and the complete lack of navigational aids. During both sieges the fortress was completely surrounded by Russian troops.

Aside from a very crude and unreliable radio link between Przemyśl and Vienna, the few existing planes were the only means of communication between the more than 100,000 men of the garrison and the outside world.

In this article I shall first give the military background and history of the sieges and then list the various flights. This will be followed by a description of the airmail postcards and the cachets and control marks used. After this I shall describe the balloon flights from Przemyśl and the fate of the individual balloons and of the mail they carried.

The Military History

In all history it is possible to trace causes of events far back into the past, and it is often difficult to know where to start in describing certain developments. We might begin in 1903, when, unknown to anybody else, Capt. Redl, the brilliant chief—in fact, though not in name—of the Imperial Austrian Army Intelligence sold some secrets to an officer of the Imperial Russian Army Intelligence.

Or perhaps we should begin on a day in 1913, when headlines announced that Col. Redl, the chief of the Austrian counter espionage, had committed suicide in his hotel room in Vienna. The evening before he had been visited by high ranking officers who had shown him proofs that his activities on behalf of the Russians had become known to the Austrian high command.

In order to avoid more embarrassment to the authorities, and a trial for Col. Redl, they left a pistol with him—which he made use of. Col. Redl had transmitted the plans of the fortifications at Przemyśl to the Russians. Much more damaging to the Austrians was the fact that he had falsified reports of his agents about the strength of the Russian army.

When war broke out in 1914 the Austrian plan of operations was based on Redl's information. The Austrians expected the Russians to be able to mobilize only a small part of their strength within the first few months. Worse still, even the total Russian strength was greatly underestimated by Austria.

Thus an offensive thrust to the North into Russian Poland was planned while at the same time a weak Austrian right wing was supposed to hold the eastern border against Russia. Even before the Austrian mobilization was completed, the strong Austrian left wing had scored considerable successes against weak Russian opposition.

However, the German offensive forces which had been intended to supplement the Austrian efforts had been diverted for the big push in the west against France. The Austrian forces were also depleted by shifting part of the army to Serbia.

The Russians attacked with vast and superior forces much sooner than expected and defeated the Austrians east of Lemberg, Galicia, now part of Poland. Lemberg (Lvov) fell to them September 2, 1914 and after a bloody battle at Rawruska the Austrian forces were in full retreat to the line of the river San (September 11).

The main crossing of the San was guarded by the fortress of Przemyśl. It consisted of a ring of 36 forts within a circumference of as many miles.

Only some of these fortifications were of contemporary construction; as a whole, the fortress was not up to date. It was armed with about 1000 guns, most of them old short range weapons. Przemyśl also had 114 machine guns, only two thirds of which were mobile.

The preceding battles had shaken the Austrian forces so badly that they were unable to make a stand at the San. They retreated farther west to the Dunajec line. On September 18, 1914, the Russians surrounded the fortress in which there were about 130,000 men and 20,000 horses.

The Russians wanted to wait for their heavy artillery, so delayed their attack. However, they had not

counted on the terrible Polish and Galician roads. This gave the Austrians time to start an offensive in order to relieve the besieged fortress (October, 1914).

Thereupon the Russians attempted to storm the fortress without heavy guns. In a fierce battle, October 5-8, they were repulsed with heavy losses. Then the Austrian Third Army reached the fortress and the Russians were forced to retreat to the east bank of the San river. Austrian infantry entered the fortress on October 11.

All during the rest of October the Austrians tried to dislodge the Russians from the San line. For this purpose the field armies used the supplies of Przemyśl.

There was little else that could have been done in view of the poorly functioning Austrian supply service which suffered greatly from destruction of railroads and bridges by the retreating Russians.

This Austrian offensive proved fruitless; increasing Russian pressure made another Austrian retreat unavoidable and there was frenzied activity to re-provision the fortress.

The second siege started on November 6. This time the Russians used only second line troops, which proved adequate for the long siege. The Austrian field armies held the Dunajec line some 80 miles to the west of the San, and to the south they clung to the mail bridges of the Carpathian mountains.

There heavy fighting raged throughout the winter. At first, the Russians tried to break through these mountains to the plains of Hungary. During February and March the Austrian armies tried to relieve the fortress once more but without avail.

By the middle of March food and ammunition in Przemyśl were nearly exhausted. The commander decided to make a desperate attempt to break out of the fortress (March 19), but the Austrians were stopped by the Russians. Three days later the commander and his garrison of 110,000 men surrendered to the enemy, after first destroying the fortifications and remaining stores.

Barely six weeks later, combined German and Austrian armies broke the Russian lines at Gorlice. Russian-held Przemyśl was attacked and yielded after three days.

The military history of Przemyśl is of interest because it was the only land fortress of World War I to withstand a prolonged siege after complete investment. The explanation of the long successful resistance lies in the absence of heavy Russian artillery. When the situation was reversed the German siege guns accomplished in three days what the Russians couldn't do in four months.

Ironically, the heroic defense of Przemyśl, and the lives and efforts expended in the attempts to relieve the fortress, served no sufficient strategic purpose. The fortress did not control any supply lines vital to the Russian armies operating west of it toward Cracow. There was a railroad about 15 miles north of Przemyśl which crossed the San river at Jaroslav.

The Plane Flights

From the beginning, two aviation formations were part of the garrison, namely "K.u.K. Fliegerkompanie Nr. 11" (Flying squadron No. 11) and "K.u.K. Festungsartillerieregiment, Furst Kinsky Nr. 3, Festungsballonabteilung Nr. 1" (Fortress balloon squadron No. 1 of the Fortress artillery regiment Furst Kinsky No. 3). The latter was probably primarily intended for artillery observation purposes.

Both of these two formations were stationed in the same suburb within the line of fortifications. Thus, members of these troops were in close contact with each other and often used any flight from the fortress to hand mail to their aviator friends.

Frequently this mail also included mail from other friends of other parts of the armed services in the fortress. This type of mail is generally classified as "forerunners" and

constitutes the only mail up to January 6, 1915.

On that day official flight postcards were introduced. Still, even during the time of the official airmail service, some mail was brought out of the fortress unofficially through the courtesy of the aviators. We call this courtesy mail "unofficial".

The first plane landed in Przemyśl October 1, 1914, less than two weeks after the beginning of the first siege. It was the airplane "Steffel", coming from the army high command at Neu-Sandez. Only official documents were carried on this flight.

On its October 6 return flight—the first out of Przemyśl—it landed near Jaslo. The pilot, Lt. Aladar Taussig, was wounded, but his assistant Capt. Raabl continued by automobile to headquarters.

On this flight about a hundred field postcards were taken out of Przemyśl. They were censored on October 7 and then forwarded by the field post office No. 11. This was the only flight during the first siege.

It is well known that aviators brought some mail from Przemyśl during the four weeks between the first and the second siege, but no cover has been found for which air transportation could be definitely established.

During the second siege, twelve mail-carrying flights were made. The dates of these flights, the kinds of mail they carried, the places where they landed, the names of the aviators, and the transit cancellations of each of these flights are known.

All this data can be found in the Austrian Air Mail Catalog by Georg Sobetzky and also in the May-June 1952 issue of the "Bulletin" of the Austria Philatelic Society. The last of these flights was made on March 22, the day of the surrender of the fortress.

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Veteran Collector Tries Austrian Philately; Finds Much Pleasure

Agnes Burlingame

For years I had collected France with the exception of the great rarities, and had almost caught up when I thought of collecting another country. I thumbed through the stamp catalog beginning with "A"—Austria! That rang a bell. As a general collector I had many Austrian stamps.

As I write this the little transistor radio is playing a Strauss waltz. Yes! Austria it would be—the originator of so many of our modern pleasures, beautiful music, the indoor skating rink, the miniature dance floors of night clubs, and of many, many other innovations that make life happier.

The catalog held my attention . . . 19th century Austrian stamps . . . only one ruler from 1850 to 1900—dear Emperor Franz Josef, after the Coat of Arms set.

Then I decided on "19th century only", for judges of stamp exhibitions are officials who usually like 19th century best.



Very soon I discovered that what I thought would be very easy was a task much bigger, far more complicated and with innovations I had never encountered before. I began by gathering my used Austrian stamps, even those gum-arabic stuck-down ones from my father's album. This took a bit of ingenuity.

I insist on perfect stamps, and from then on every stamp I acquired had to have a pedigree—almost—and be carefully groomed to appear in public. To complete a set immediately became necessary to undertake a challenging study of the issue.

There were also philatelic firsts—the sheet watermarks, for instance and town cancellations where the date stamp and the name of the town were combined for the first time. Austria also invented the postcard and has continued that tradition. I shall refer to the postcard later on.

Undaunted, I continued . . . papers, handmade (HP) ribbed, stitch watermarks, St. Andrew's Crosses, (Links, Rechts, Unten) Footnote I have a St. Andrews Cross used to mend a letter only. I wonder which it is.

All the different phases of stamps so peculiar to Austria presented a thorough course of study to me. That study included the philatelic facts of life that every Austrian collector I have met probably knew when he or she was born.

Errors, plate flaws, Kreutzers and Centes, Lombardy and Venetia and Emperor Franz Josef grew older as I dug up information, verified details and studied. Some of the "pieces" strained the budget, and I felt almost beaten.

But my friends, bless them, came to my assistance. Then I joined the Austria Philatelic Society, Inc. I read its wonderful "Bulletin" with ever-growing understanding. To the friends and to the Society go the credit for my real progress. There was never any discouragement though they must have smiled at my enthusiasm.

They gave me a real incentive to fight for an Austrian collection. One day I was shown a beautiful \$300 early cover with a newspaper

stamp. I replied, "Only 19th Century Postage Stamps," so that cover is not in my collection—yet.

Then one day it happened, Austria and Austrian stamps had captured me. I liked to collect the country; those challenges were merely exciting; those beautiful stamps so very well designed and carefully created would never let me down. From then on I felt they were and are my friends and so they have proven.

A friend in Austria began to exchange censored covers of World War II with me. While there is quite a gap between my "19th century" and 1945, little by little I have added 19th century and 20th century covers.

Recently, from another friend I have received Austrian souvenir cards, the "Festpostkarten". There are several types of these souvenir cards but in each case the magnificent pictorial cancellation is the chief feature. They publicize, in addition to First days and days of the stamp, many many organizations, churches and events. The Fairs alone would make a huge volume.

The pictorial cancellation is not held to one design. Sometimes there are several as for Bregenz, August 8, 1954 Postdienst Alt und Neu, one cancellation actually shows the "old" and another shows the "new" mode of transportation.

My oldest card is dated 1945 but there must be earlier ones. This card bears the coat of arms of the New Austria, the broken chains and the single-headed eagle. The stamp is the Dawn of Peace charity issue of 1945. There is also a notation: "Sonderstempel im Neuen Oesterreich (Special Cancellation in New Austria). The cancellation which is the chief delight in all these special souvenir cards consists of a double circle with the inscription "OESTERREICHISCHE EXPORT-MUSTERSCHAU 24-26 Okt. 1945".



Although I have been collecting these cards for about 15 years. I have found that little is known about their origin, either in this country or in Austria, nor have I found another collector of them. I believe it would be interesting to compile a list of them for others who have not yet discovered their fascination.

To list a few: Esperanto; European Bridge Championship in Vienna 1957; 800 Years Mariazell; International Sugar Bakers Convention, Vienna 1956; Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart, 1756-1956; and St. Gabriel Protective Patron of the Post and the Philatelists, March 24, 1956.

Also, 10 Years of United Nations, 1945-1955; Olympic Festival Week

Locomotive Cachet In Forks, Wash. Delayed

Due to unforeseen circumstances, the dedication in a Forks, Wash. park of an old logging locomotive originally scheduled for December has been postponed "to January" with no definite date set.

Accordingly, a spokesman for Forest Festival Cachet, Rt. 2, Box 41, Shelton, Wash. has announced that additional orders can be accepted if forwarded immediately. The printed cachet depicts a veteran Shay-type locomotive; franking will be the Forest Conservation stamp; 20c each.

Early Release Expected For Togo Olympic Issue

Togo will issue a set of seven commemoratives before the opening of the winter Olympic Games in California, Manfred R. Lehmann of that nation's New York philatelic agency has announced. Denominations will be o30, o50, 1.00, 10, 15, 20, and 25 francs.

The designs (by Israeli and U.S. designers) show ice hockey, skiing, tobogganing, boxing, bicycling, discus throwing, and running. The stamps are being printed in Paris by steel engraving.

Erste Kaerntner Landes-Briefmarken Ausstellung 30-4-1954; 4 Jahre Flugpost-Sammellerring des I.P.D. Vienna I 29-IX-1953; and one that takes me in "Jubilaeums Ausstellung der Kleingartener Oesterreichs, Vienna I 26 IX 1953".



Perhaps I am not yet a small gardener of Austria, but some day I hope to visit a few of the celebrations these cards publicize and then I shall surely hear some orchestra play "Vienna Woods", and be happy. At the same time my Austrian collection, even of 19th century postage stamps, is growing—and that is a source of great satisfaction to me.

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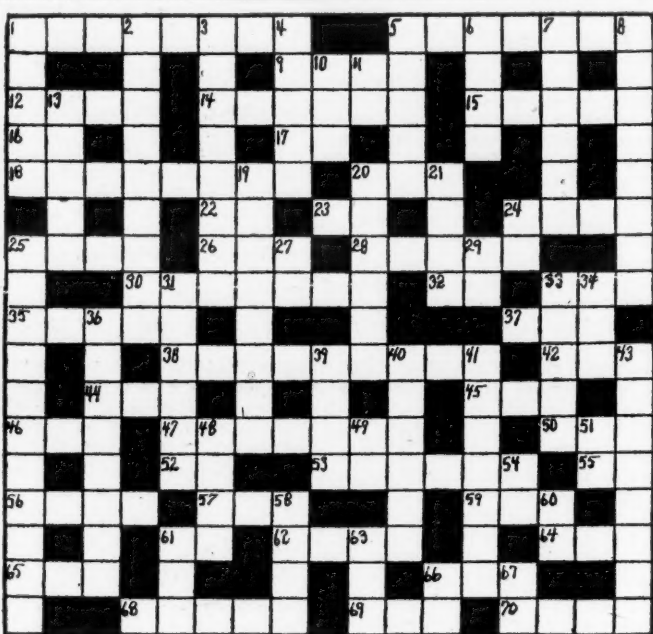
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| 15. On 9c new regular issue | 6. On 15c early regular issues |
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| 17. Street (Abbr.) | 8. On \$5 1938 set |
| 18. On 1c Park set | 10. Antonym of cold |
| 20. Turkish cap | 11. Revenue watermark |
| 22. Drive (Abbr.) | 13. "Arrows to - - - - -" Okla. issue |
| 23. Railroad (Abbr.) | 19. Honoring transportation industry
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| 24. Canceled | 20. Spanish Dictator |
| 25. Small island | 21. On 8c Park set |
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| 30. On only 1959 3c commem. | 27. Proceed |
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| 33. Garden tool | 31. Middle east country |
| 35. One of the Famous American
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| 52. Long Island (Abbr.) | 51. We |
| 53. Annually | 54. Yard (Abbr.) |
| 55. South east (Abbr.) | 58. Famous American Series |
| 56. Topical flower | 60. Short for Edgar |
| 57. National Recovery Act | 61. On first 10c airmail |
| 59. Poem | 63. Mineral spring |
| 61. Maine (Abbr.) | 66. United Nations |
| 62. Flag maker issue | 67. North Carolina (Abbr.) |
| 64. Insufficient postage | |
| 65. Denomination first Special Del. | |
| 66. United States Navy | |
| 68. Stains | |
| 69. Princess on British stamps | |
| 70. Connecticut (Abbr.) | |

**Somalia Establishes
U. S. Philatelic Agency**

Manfred R. Lehmann, head of sev-
eral foreign philatelic agencies now
operating in the United States, has
announced that Somalia has estab-
lished the Somalia Philatelic Agen-
cy under his management with head-
quarters in New York.

Somalia is situated in East Africa,
and is a UN Trusteeship territory
which will attain full independence
July 1. Some of its colorful stamps
were recently seen in LIFE Maga-
zine which featured reproductions of
17 of them.



Auctions

Jan. 2—Stampazine, 109 W. 43rd St.,
New York 36, U. S. Br. Colon., gen. ign.;
covers of world.

Jan. 9—Stampazine, 109 W. 43rd St., New
York 36, U. S. Br. Colon., gen. ign.;
covers of world.

Jan. 11-13—H. R. Harmer, Inc., 6 W. 48th
St., New York 36, General sale, wide
area, ample coverage.

Jan. 13-15—Harmer, Rooke & Co., Inc., 560
5th Ave., New York 36, Br. Colon.,
and genl. ign.; extensive showing.

Jan. 16—Irving Gordon, 25 Beaver St.,
New York 4, U. S. and world-wide, incl.
whale.

Jan. 23—Mercury Stamp Co., 10 E. 40th St.,
New York 16, Mail sale, large variety
U. S. and ign.

Jan. 25-26—H. R. Harmer, Inc., 6 W. 48th
St., New York 36, "Siegmund Adler"
Part I: Br. ign., China.

Jan. 25-26—Earl P. L. Apfelbaum, Inc.,
1416-28 S. Penn Sq., Philadelphia 2 Pa.
Genl. sale of U. S. and ign.

**Komekui-Nezumi On
New Japanese Stamp**

Another popular Japanese toy,
Komekui-Nezumi (the rice-eating
mouse) has gained philatelic recog-
nition by being featured on Japan's
5 yen New Year stamp issued De-
cember 19.

The color is not stated in the of-
ficial news release, but it is men-
tioned that printing is photogravure
in sheets of 20 in a quantity of ten
million copies. The designer was
Masaru Kimura.

The toy was introduced about 1830
by Nariyasu Maeda, the 13th Lord
of Kanazawa, as a do-it-yourself
project which low-salaried members
of his clan could make at home to
augment their incomes during a de-
pression. The "mouse" moves its
head and tail as the handle is oper-
ated.

An attached superstition is that
fondling the toy brings good luck.
This is an allusion to "nezumi-zann-
yo" (mouse multiplication) or the
geometric ratio at which savings in-
crease at compound interest.

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rama January 16 at the Kensington
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"The works" so cherished by the purist are present on this October 3, 1954 "Kinderdorf" balloon cover from the collection of the writer. While of philatelic origin, it shows proper franking with each stamp well tied by a clearly impressed pictorial cancellation, plus a third legible town marking. There is also a proper address with registry label, with two U. S. arrival postmarks on the back.

The Balloon Flight Covers Of The Austrian "Kinderdorf"

Thomas G. Klein

Who has not, at one time or another, come across one of the attractive balloon flight covers prepared by the Austrian "Kinderdorf" Society? There is a story behind each one, for when you buy one of them, you not only enrich your stamp collection, but you also help to care for and bring up some homeless, neglected and orphaned child.

The idea for the "Kinderdorf", literally "children's village", arose out of the chaos and destruction of the second World War.

As had others, so the children too had suffered as never before and it became evident that the old systems of orphanages were no longer sufficient to fulfil the needs which had been created by the horrors of the world conflict.

Thus in the autumn of 1947, a small, dedicated group met in Salzburg and founded the "Oesterreichische Pro Juventute Kinderdorfvereinigung" (Austrian "For the Youth" Children's Village Society), dedicated to a new concept of caring for orphans.

It is the endeavor of the Austrian "Kinderdorf" to have the orphaned children raised in an environment resembling as closely as possible that of a normal family. The Society has thus hit upon a method which is a radical departure from the traditional way of raising and caring of orphans, with its central administrations and communal living. Rather than having just one "foster parent" as is usual in other types of children villages, those maintained by the Austrian Pro Juventute Society provide for both a foster father and a foster mother for every eight children.

There are no community rooms, community kitchens or a central administration. Uniformity of any kind is discouraged, as the Society believes that individuality in all respects is essential for the proper bringing up of a child.

To provide surroundings as normal as possible for the orphans, the family of a "Kinderdorf" lives like any average family. The "father" must have a steady job and income, as it is considered important that the children see their elders performing their regular duties.

What the "father" earns, is his and his wife's. They get their home as well as heat, water and electricity without cost, thus helping them to save for the future. Each month, the "mother" receives a certain allowance for each child, the amount being determined upon the prevailing cost of living. With this, she must cover all expenditures of her ten-member household.

Medical supervision is provided by a physician of the Society, while a village commission, made up of volunteers, is present for care and advice. Further, each "family" receives guidance and advice from some member of the central committee, on regular visits for this purpose.

On the other hand, not withstanding any outside advice, the "parents" of each "family" have free choice as to the type of food, clothing and other necessities.

They may also choose how they want to furnish their homes, which consist of comfortable, clean, well-built one-family houses.

These units are part of the town or village in which they are situated and are in no way segregated. Thus the children of the "Kinderdorf" play with the other children, go to the same schools and attend the same churches.

Despite the fact that not all pedagogues are in agreement, it is the Society's firm belief that only by being raised in a true family atmos-

phere, can orphaned children have a happy, normal and constructive childhood and grow up to become fully equal members of society, free of any feeling of inferiority.

In 1949 the Austrian "Pro Juventute" Society was able to start transforming its dreams into reality, its theories into practice. In that year the town of Rottenmann in the province of Styria donated the necessary ground for what subsequently became the first of a large number of children's villages throughout Austria.

The "Kinderdorf" first aroused the interest of philatelists when it decided on the plan of obtaining funds through the sale of special cacheted envelopes and post cards, often imprinted with postage stamps and transported by means of balloons.

The fact that the horizontal movement of a balloon is completely dependent on the prevailing air current and winds makes it impossible to predict accurately the length and direction of a flight, or the landing site.

However, it is this very element of suspense that adds so much interest to both the flight itself and to mail carried in this manner. Various cancellations, special postmarks and other relevant inscriptions found on this balloon mail attest to the fact, that it often was deposited at quite a different destination from the intended one!

The uncertainty attending these flights is shown on envelopes of the very first flight. These bear a special cancellation dated October 25, 1948. Actually however, it was on November 2 that the first "Kinderdorf" balloon flight took place.

Carrying a crew of three, two passengers and 31,000 pieces of mail, the balloon took off from Voelklbruck in Upper Austria and landed in Gampem, Upper Austria.

From there, the mail was forwarded to Salzburg, where an arrival post mark was applied and the mail was distributed. This first flight thus proceeded without further incidents and was therefore luckier than its two immediate successors.

May 1, 1949 was chosen for the second flight, which was to have started from Wels in Upper Austria. Bad weather forced the postponement of flight preparations until the following day. While the time-consuming procedure of filling the balloon with gas was still under way, the balloon suddenly broke loose and escaped.

To prevent a complete loss, the mail intended for transport by the balloon was carried by plane to Salzburg two days later. Thus philatelists were presented with an exceptionally interesting cover, replete with descriptive postmarks explaining the mishap. This cover stands out further as being the first to bear imprinted stamps.

Most of the subsequent covers have one or more stamps imprinted. They are usually of the regular Landscape (1947 issue) or Costume (1948-52 issue) design.

Occasionally however, the design of a current commemorative issue, such as the St. Gebhard issue (Scott No. 540, Minkus 1258), or the Andreas Hofer (Scott No. 557, Minkus No. 1298), has been used. Thus these covers have become desirable items for the collector of postal stationery, as well as for the enthusiast of aerophilately.

Various other incidents, while adding to the difficulties of the Society at the time, provide interest for today's collector. On the third flight, held October 23, 1949, the balloon landed in Germany and the pilot and passengers were immediately taken into custody by the German authorities. They were not released until midnight.

Again, in 1952, in connection with a special flight to honor the Swiss balloon flight pioneer Eduard Spelterini, the flier's portrait on the covers had to be pasted over by a stamp, on order of the postal authorities.

Yet, despite all these mishaps, the Society's balloon flights, have become a regular institution. They are now held semiannually, with additional special flights whenever an occasion warrants it. These latter include among others the already mentioned Spelterini memorial flight and the world's first high-Alpine flight, which took place in October 1957.

In 1959, in cooperation with the Finnish Children's Foundation, the Austrian balloon and crew made a flight from Helsinki to Kuurila in Finland. Interesting mail, some bearing Austrian, some Finnish stamps, gives a collection of these "Kinderdorf" balloon covers an international character. This is fitting, as two truly international endeavors, child care and stamp collecting are united in these covers.

Originally obtainable at Austrian post offices, these covers, both mint and used, are now available through the "Oesterreichische Pro Juventute Kinderdorfvereinigung", Nonnbergstiege 2/IV, Salzburg, Austria. It is also to this organization that this writer is indebted for much of his information.

5 Centennial Slogan Cancellations Listed

The Post Office Department has announced that five centennial slogan cancellations have been authorized for various parts of 1960. One will be used at New Bern, N. C. January 1 through June 30, reading "250th Anniversary New Bern June 1960."

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al card.



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15 hwan, pink, gray and blue, show-
ing two mice in costume and a
symbolic Chinese character for the
New Year season. Also 25h. and
30h., the former green, red and
blue item shows two children sing-
ing carols, while the latter—lilac,
red and black—depicts a flying flam-
ingo.

The New Year Card is of 15h. value,
printed in violet brown in ver-
tical format. The stamp is at upper
left; it depicts a lad spinning a top
with the aid of a stick and string
whip.

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dle value; 30,000 of each miniature
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**Topical Explanations
Of Recent Ghana Set**

In response to many requests,
Manfred R. Lehman of the Ghana
Philatelic Agency in New York has
released the following list of the Lat-
in names of the birds and flowers
shown on Ghana's recent set of regu-
lars.

Fire-Crowned Bishop (6d) Euplectes
Hordeacea Hordeacea.

Golden Spider Lily (11d): Lycoris
Aurea.

Shell Ginger (1/-): Zingiber Of-
ficinale.

Pennant-Winged Nightjar (1/3):
Cosmetornis Vexillarius.

Crowned Crane (2/-): Balearica
Pavonina Pavonina.

Giant Plantain Eater (2/-): Cor-
ythaeca Cristata.

Tiger Orchid (5/-): Trichocentron
Tigrinum Sledens.

The 2/6 of the Trusteeship Coun-
cil set shows native woodcarvings
symbolizing the chair of human re-
lationships; the chair of territorial
relationships; and common sharing
of responsibilities.

**Greece Withdraws Nagy
"Reprisal" Set Of Two**

In an airmailed note dated De-
cember 17, P. J. Drossos of 1 St.
Denys Pl., Athens, Greece stated
that the December 8 Greek set of
4.50 and 6 Drachmae values fea-
turing the former Hungarian leader
Imre Nagy had been withdrawn from
sale that night. At the same time
the set was declared invalid for fur-
ther postal usage.

As fully explained in Linn's of De-
cember 28, this set was issued by
Greece in a philatelic "reprisal"
against the recent Russian emission
honoring a former Greek resistance
hero who later turned communist.



In the December 14 ad of Harry
Rickard, Box 5205-L, Long Beach 5,
Calif., some of the prices for the
Austrian material were all "shook
up". Readers who might have or-
dered, or want to order, should di-
rect an inquiry to the firm for its
correct Austrian list. This was part
of a larger ad which offered items
from various parts of the world in
sets.

Of special concern to collectors in-
terested in new issues is the ad of
Neal Fallow of Chicago which ap-
peared in the December 14 and 21
issues—but with the incorrect street
number. Properly, it is 5043 S. Ash-
land Ave., Chicago 9, Ill. instead of
the address indicated on those two
occasions. Copies of his weekly price
list of new issues are free to all on
request.

SIEGE OF PRZEMYSL
(Continued from page 19)

not show any rubber stamp and in
many cases not even a regular mail
or field post cancellation.

In an effort to maintain the mo-
rale of the troops the fortress com-
mand organized systematic airmail
beginning January 6, 1915.

The general post office sold special
thin field post cards at the price of
50 heller, the proceeds going to the
Fund for the Benefit of Widows and
Orphans of Aviators killed in Action.
These cards were issued in five
different colors: yellow 38 per cent,
green 26 per cent, rose 24 per cent,
gray green 11 per cent, and blue 1
per cent. Altogether about 85,000
were sold.

Each official flight postcard bears
a number, a rubber stamp "flight
post Przemyśl", a so-called control
mark and two censorship marks.
The numbers were handwritten up
to January 12, after which a num-
bering machine was used with
5 1/2 mm high characters. Another ma-
chine printing numbers 6 1/2 mm high
was used beginning January 16.

Six different cachets Fliegerpost
Przemyśl were used, all of them
indicating the year 1915. The first of
them also shows the month
"January".

The control marks show, in a circle,
a Roman "IX" above "54". The
explanation of this control mark is
as follows: According to Austrian
regulations, the use of cancellations
containing the name of localities was
prohibited in the war zone.

Every Austrian post office was
equipped with a so-called control
mark to be used on certain special
mail such as money orders. These
control marks showed only the postal
district number in Roman nu-
merals and the post office numbers
in Arabic. Galicia's zone number
was IX and the general post office
of Przemyśl had the number 54.
Five different types of this control
mark have been found on Przemyśl
airmail.

All field post mail was censored
by an officer of the respective troop
formations. Przemyśl airmail, in ad-
dition, was censored by an official
censor. The troop censors in Prze-
myśl used either hand written nota-
tions or one of eight different rubber
stamps, most of them in German,
some in Hungarian. Four types of
official censor marks are known.

Fakes of Przemyśl cards exist.
These have either a cachet in two
lines "Fliegerpost Przemyśl 1914"
(81mm) or "Fliegerpost Przemyśl
1915" (47mm). On these the other
postmarks have also been faked.

At least six, and possibly as many
as 13, flights also took mail into
Przemyśl. Such mail is quite rare
because space on the planes was ex-
tremely limited.

Moreover, the recipients of such
cards spent three or four years as
prisoners of war in Russia, mostly
in Siberia, and few cards survived
that ordeal. Of course, the only pos-
sible proof of the arrival in Przemyśl
by air is a hand written notation on
the card.

A special cachet exists with a fan-
ciful picture of a plane in a rectan-
gle 45 x 27mm. This was used at a
squadron stationed at the arsenal in
Vienna and sold on field postcards
or letters for the benefit of the
same charitable organization for wi-
dows and orphans. Whether any of
them ever reached Przemyśl is un-
known.

Balloon Mail from Przemyśl

The official air mail from Prze-
myśl, carried by airplanes, was sup-
plemented by cards to be transport-
ed by balloons, most of them un-
manned. The latter were made of
white wrapping paper, and var-
nished, and had a volume of eight
cubic meters. The balloons were
filled with illuminating gas.

Each of them carried a package of
about 600 of the special balloon
cards. Under this package was a
cardboard funnel filled with dry
sand. This contraption was intended
to prolong the flight by the gradual
loss of weight. It was intended to
release the balloons when winds
blew in the direction of Austro-Hun-
garian territory.

On January 20, 1915 the first five
balloons were released. One of them
was found around the middle of May
near Lemes in Hungary, where the
mail was canceled May 18, 1915.
Another was found near Margitfalva,
also in Hungary, and its mail shows
the cancellation "Margitfalva June
20, 1915". No trace was ever found
of the other three.

Another balloon was released prob-
ably on March 7. It was found near
Turga-Remete, where the mail it had

carried was cancelled "K.u.K. Feld-
postamt 47" on March 19, 1915.

It is known that two balloons fell
into Russian hands just outside the
fortifications of Przemyśl. The fate
of five more balloons which are
known to have been released during
the siege has remained unknown.

The balloon mail cards went on
sale January 12, 1915, six days after
the beginning of the flight postcards.
It seems that only about 6000 of
them were sold, the highest known
number of the balloon cards being
5909. All balloon cards were print-
ed on blue paper and showed a rub-
ber cachet. "Ballonpost Przemyśl/
1915".

In the space reserved for the name
of the sender they all showed the
rubber stamp "K.u.K. Festungsartil-
lerieregiment Furst Kinsky Nr. 3".
The balloon cards also have the
control mark "IX" over "54" in a
circle and the usual types of Prze-
myśl censorship marks. They also
were numbered, mostly with one of
the numerators described before,
and occasionally by hand.

Inevitably some unofficial air post-
cards were found among the pack-
ages carried by the balloon. They
look like the usual flight postcards,
but if the cancellation of the card is
one of the three mentioned above
there is no doubt that it was carried
by the balloon.

There is one more chapter to be
mentioned in the story of the Prze-
myśl balloon post. Three days before
the surrender of the fortress, on
March 19, 1915, the five balloons
which had been in Przemyśl, prob-
ably for artillery observation, were
filled and were released during the
early morning hours.

One of them, the "Steiermark"
was carried away by the storm be-
fore the crew could board it. The
others, the "Przemyśl", the "Aus-
tria", the "Erzherzog Josef Ferdin-
and", and the "Schicht" got away,
but all of them landed behind Rus-
sian lines.

According to orders, the balloons
and the mail they carried were de-
stroyed with one exception, namely,
the private mail carried by the "Aus-
tria." This was treated as prisoner
of war mail by the Russians. Fewer
than 20 of these cards are known.

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